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FRENCH HOLDING GRIMLY ON

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON FRENCH MILITARY CIRCLES, COMMENTING ON THE SITUATION, SAID HITLER IS GAMBLING FOR VICTORY WITH THE WHOLE OF GERMANY'S FORCES.

The French army, despite numerical inferiority, are holding their own everywhere with an energy reminiscent of the grim and resolute stand at Verdun over 20 years ago which won victory for France.

The battle is increasing in intensity every hour on the whole front from the sea to the Argonne.

In the Soissons sector the enemy threw another large batch of his reserves into the battle as well as fresh armoured divisions.

MUSSOLINI'S DISGUISE CAST ASIDE

London, To-day.

"Now the issue is clear. The disguise of temporising with religion has been cast aside," writes Cardinal Hinsley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, in a statement following Italy's entry into the war.

"The leaders of Fascism have broken with Christian civilisation. Fascism has become radical Nazism, committed to the task of aiding and abetting Hitler's programme—to pillage and enslave."—Reuter.

GIVING IL DUCE BACK HIS WORDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The following are quotations from Mussolini's writings and sayings:—

1. From an article in "Il Popolo d'Italia" on May 17, 1915.—"After 30 years Italy has won her autonomy, and an alliance which never was, and could never be popular, has been denounced. Italy turns westwards from the Triple Entente. We are freed from the heavy German tutelage and from the repugnant company of the Austrians. We turn to ourselves. Here also the sane and right diplomacy of the people has conquered. We will fight at the side of the French, of the Belgians, of the Serbs, of the English, of the Russians. We will close without intervention a circle of iron and fire around the empires responsible for the European conflagration. We will shorten the duration of the war. We will conquer."

2. A letter to "Il Popolo d'Italia" on September 14, 1916.—"In the mass of the people there is a diffused and profound hatred against the Germans and sympathy for the Belgian people."

3. An extract from a speech made to the commune of Bologna on May 24, 1918.—"If Germany should win we must bear in mind the most certain and total ruin which would result. The German has not modified his fundamental instincts—they are the same as Tacitus described to perfection in his 'Germania'."

Later, in the same speech, Mussolini said: "We will win because the United States cannot lose, because England cannot lose, because France cannot lose. America, like England, knows that all the values, all the greatest interests and fundamental wealth of civilisation are at stake."—Reuter.

The slight advances registered do not correspond either with the importance of his effort or the losses suffered.

Military circles declare the High Command has the situation well in hand. — Havas.

Rethel Offensive

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

A French war communique says that in Champagne the enemy resumed the offensive at dawn in the Rethel area with fresh divisions.

Despite all efforts he only succeeded in extending the bridgehead he established on Sunday, which until then had been turned back.

The enemy extended his attacks to north of the Argonne.

Everywhere our troops put up an energetic resistance, defending foot by foot and counter-attacking.—Havas.

Extent Of Advance

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French military spokesman, discussing the situation at the front, said that there could be no doubt that the extent of the advance in the last two days had increased as compared with the early stages of the battle.

The High Command, however, remains calm and confident, and vigorous counter-attacks have been carried out with success.

The German advances have been achieved mainly on the Allied left flank, where armoured units have reached the Seine at several points. In the Argonne, where strenuous efforts were made, the enemy was thrown back after a temporary advantage.

In the sector immediately north of Paris, heavy enemy attacks were repulsed at all points.

WEATHER FORECAST:—South winds, moderate; fair to showery.

M. Reynaud At the Front

M. Reynaud has gone to the front, while in Paris life goes on scarcely changed. The usual well-dressed crowds are to be seen in the streets, providing a sharp contrast with the tremendous struggle which has now approached to within 30 miles of the capital.

The U.S. Ambassador has announced his intention of staying in his Embassy in Paris for the duration of the war, even should the capital be taken by the Germans. — Havas.

RUMANIAN CALL FOR COUNCIL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.

It is reported that Rumania has asked the members of the Balkan Entente Council to hold an urgent meeting in Bucharest.

The intention apparently is to examine the international situation and proclaim once more the neutrality of the Balkan Entente powers.

It is rumoured that Bulgaria will send an observer to the meeting. — Havas.

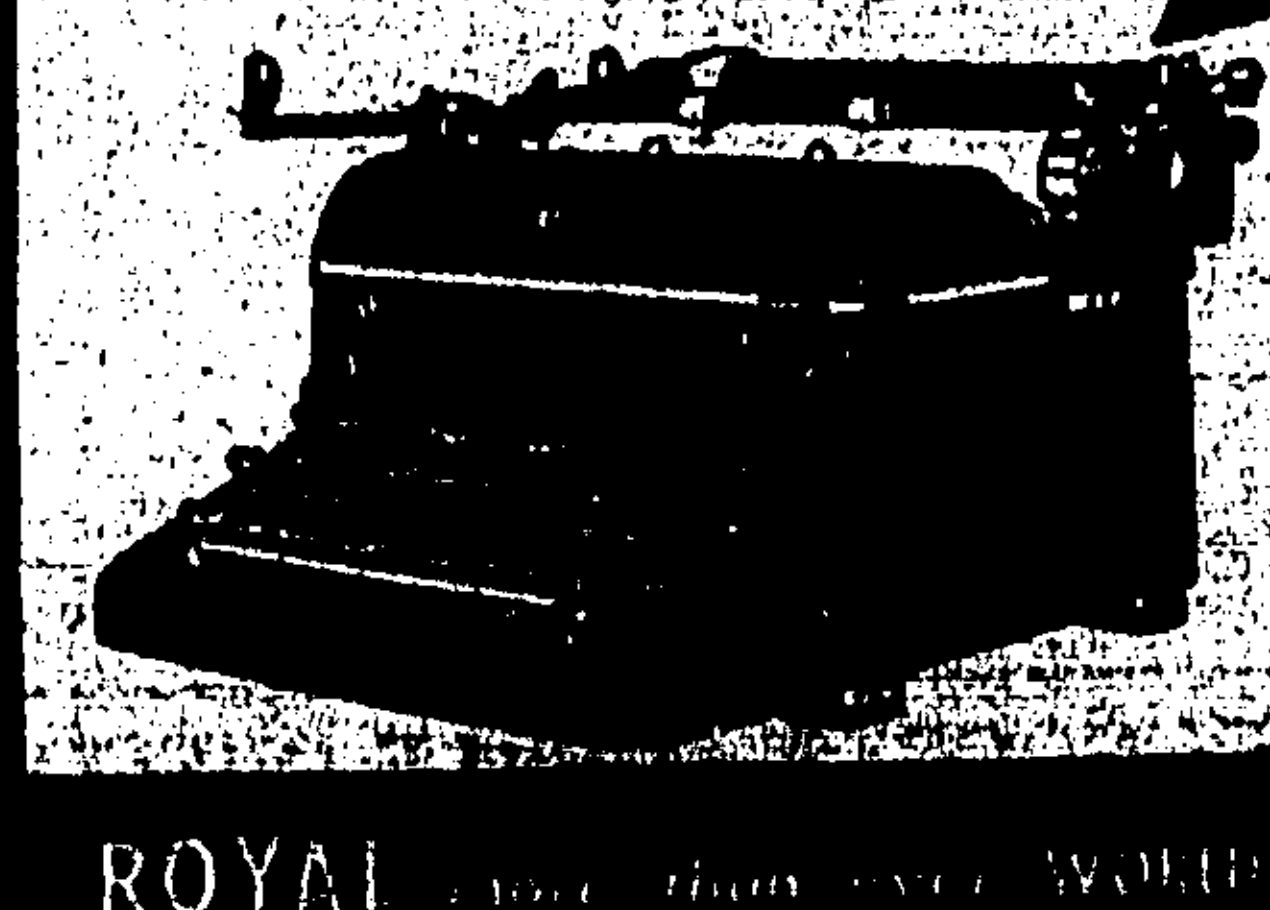


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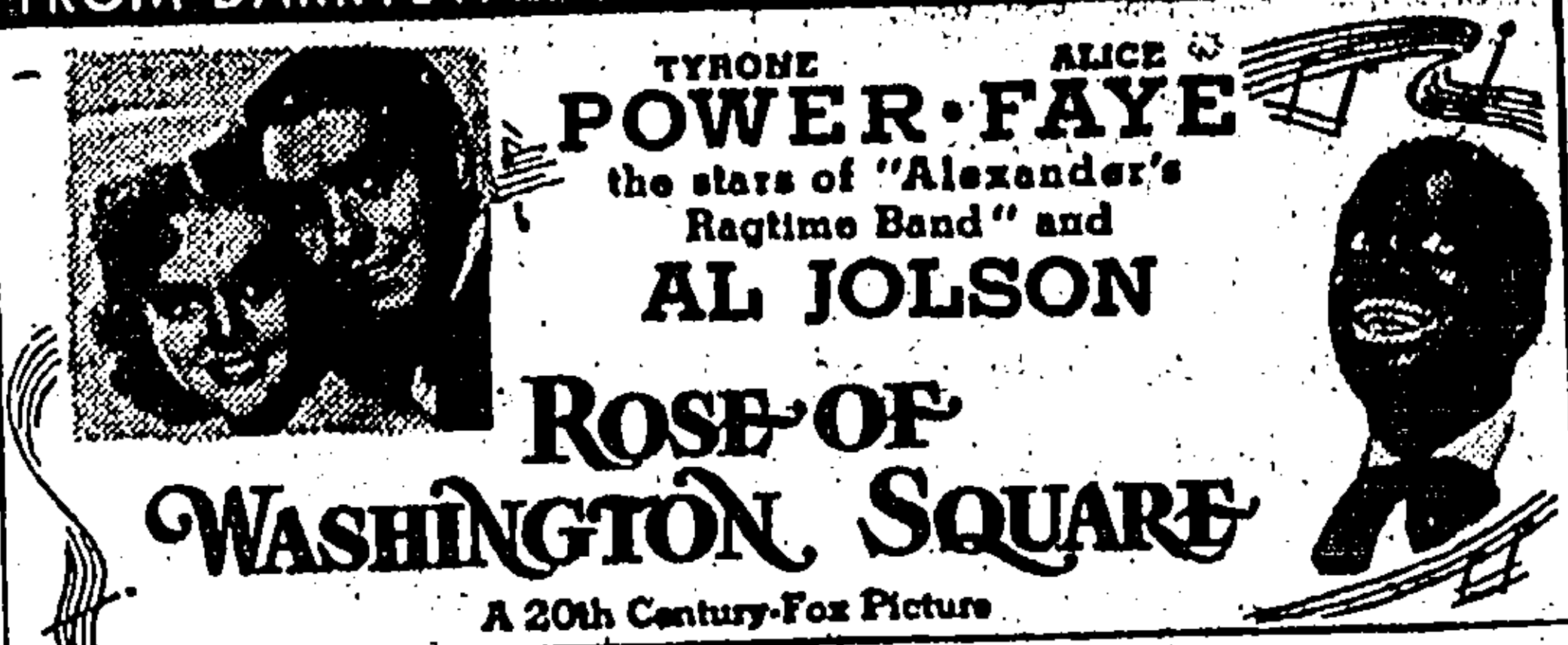
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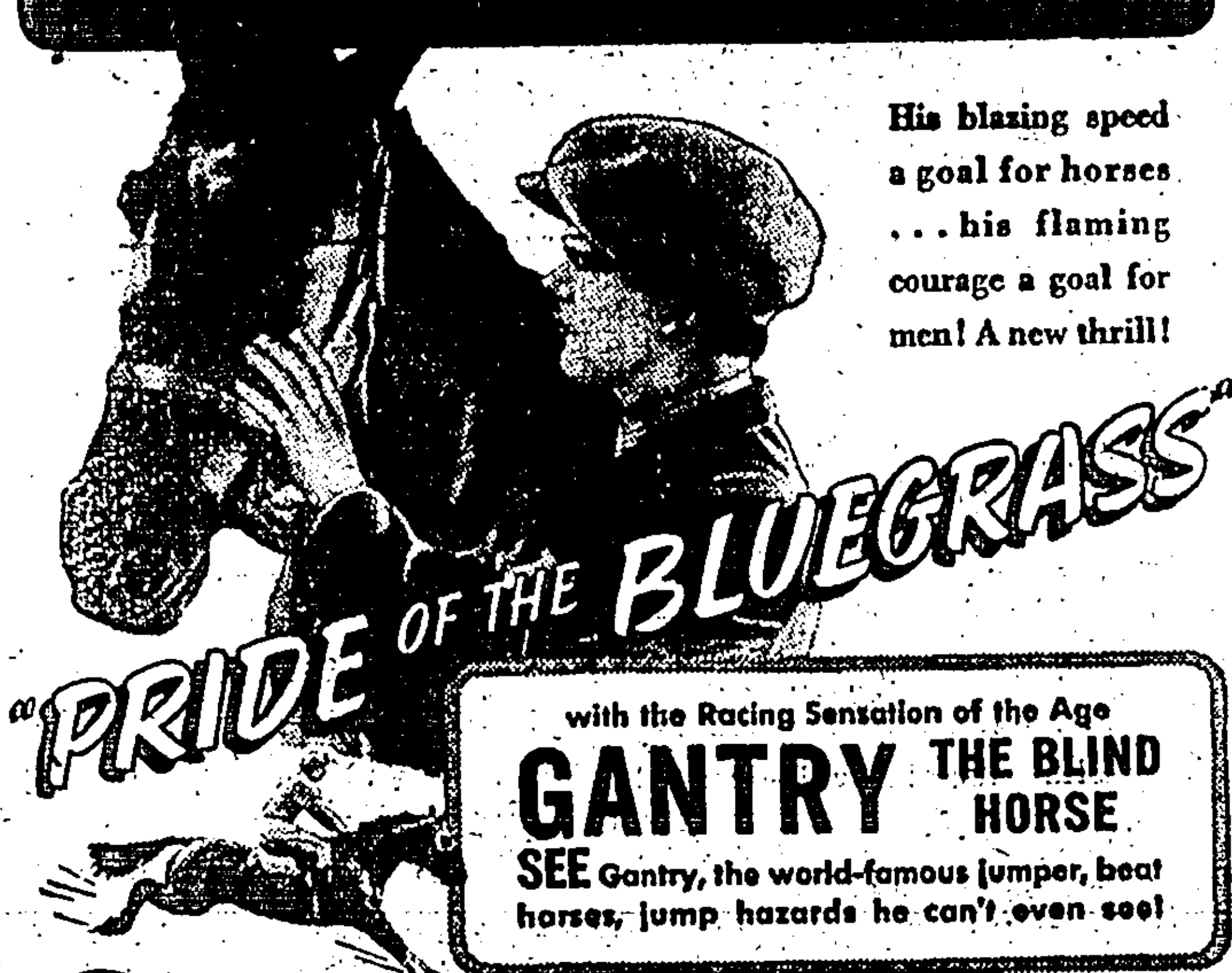
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HITLER'S CHALLENGE: AND THE POWER TO ANSWER

London, To-day.

"HITLER HAS FLUNG DOWN the challenge to liberty, democracy and civilisation itself. It is in your power to give him the answer," said Sir Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, when he inaugurated yesterday afternoon "War Savings Week."

Our whole attitude in this war, he said, must be: "How can we help?" Nothing will suffice except the mobilisation of all our resources, to the last man and the last shilling. Times of trial only make us resolve not to abandon the issue in which we have joined.

Despite present misfortunes and setbacks, we can count on many great assets to bring us to victory and peace. There is the great character of the French Army, with its courage, determination and wonderful resistance. Our brothers-in-arms, the Dominions, are sending men and material in ever-increasing strength. Our sea power still remains and is increasing.

Our own great soldiers have earned immortal fame in the last few weeks and we know that our airmen are superior, even when facing odds of four to one. Finally, our country itself is united as never before under our great and indomitable Prime Minister and Leader.

We must do our utmost to reduce the odds and strengthen our fighting men and aid them to victory. In this war there are no non-combatants. — Reuter.

Dyke Against Flood

Saying he would not dwell long on the floods which were threatening the Allies to-day, the Chancellor likened the present efforts to those of "men building a dyke against the sea."

It must be built higher and higher if the floods were not to break through and submerge all landmarks making previous efforts vain. He had no doubt the dyke would be built high enough and strong enough to stem and defeat the elements however strong they might be.—British Wireless.

WAR MEMORIES OF 25 YEARS AGO

(From the "China Mail" files).

June 11, 1915

Austria's only Army poison-gas factory has been destroyed by shells from an Italian fleet at Monfalcone.

A Russian counter-attack near Jurasnow has driven the enemy back across the Dniester, inflicting very heavy losses.

The United States has sent a second note to Germany, couched in very strong terms, in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania.

U-boat sank the Swedish s.s. Olga and the Russian s.s. Dania in the North Sea and a Russian barque in the Atlantic Ocean.

Cholera, on a vast scale, is reported to be raging in Austria, the epidemic being especially severe in East Hungary, Galicia and Transylvania. It has also reached Vienna, where it has given rise to a panic in certain sections of the population.

CANADA TO BUILD NEW ARMS FACTORIES

Ottawa, To-day.

With the help of Britain and France, Canada is to build two large munitions plants, at a cost of about £4,500,000.

Britain will take a share in a plant for filling shells, while France will co-operate with a plant for the manufacture of explosives.—Reuter.

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ISOLATIONIST DELUSION

Washington, To-day.

A significant reference to American isolationists was made by President Roosevelt in his speech at Charlottesville last night.

He said: "Some still hold to the now obvious delusion that we of the United States can safely permit the United States to become a lone island in a world dominated by the philosophy of force."

"Such an island may be the dream of those who still talk and vote as isolationists. Such an island represents to me and to the overwhelming majority of Americans to-day the hellish nightmare of a people without freedom, a people lodged in prisons and handcuffed, hungry and fed through bars from day to day by contemptuous and un pitying masters of other continents."

"It is natural that we should ask ourselves how now we can prevent the building of that prison and the placing of ourselves in the midst thereof."—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT PROMISES AID TO ALLIES

CHARLOTTEVILLE (VA.), TO-DAY.

A PROMISE THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD EXTEND ITS MATERIAL RESOURCES TO THE OPPONENTS OF FORCE WAS MADE BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN AN ADDRESS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA LAST EVENING.

The President said the people and Government of the United States had seen with the utmost and urgent grave disquiet the decision of the Italian Government to engage in hostilities.

The sympathies of the American Republics lay with those nations which were giving their life-blood in the combat against the gods of force and hate.

Two obvious courses would be pursued simultaneously.

"We will extend to the opponents of force the material resources of this nation and at the same time will harness and accelerate the use of those resources so that we ourselves in the Americas may have equipment and training equal to any emergency."

"All roads leading to the accomplishment of these objectives must be got clear of obstructions. The signs and signals call for full speed ahead."

America Called On For Effort

President Roosevelt called on Americans for an effort of courage, sacrifice and devotion.

He related how the United States Government had tried to swerve Italy from war and said he had proposed that if Italy would refrain from going to war he would be willing to ask assurances from the other powers concerned that they would execute faithfully any agreement made to effect the readjustments desired by Italy.

Unfortunately, Mussolini was not willing to accept the procedure suggested.

Offer To Italy

The President said he had expressed the Administration's willingness to try and co-operate with the Italian Government when the appropriate occasion arose for the creation of a "more stable world order through the reduction armaments and through the construction of a more liberal international economic system," but by choosing to preserve what it termed its "freedom of action" and to fulfil what it states are its promises to Germany, Italy had manifested disregard for the rights and security of other na-

tions and for the lives of peoples who are directly threatened by this spread of war and had given evidence of unwillingness to attempt to achieve its aspirations by peaceful means.—Reuter.

KING'S MESSAGE TO CAROL

London, To-day.

The King has sent a message to King Carol of Rumania congratulating him on the tenth anniversary of his accession to the throne.

"I have watched with respect and admiration the efforts you are making to preserve the independence and neutrality of Rumania, and I wish you continued success. It is my earnest hope that Rumania may be spared the horrors of war."

The King also refers to the growing collaboration between the Balkan countries and their determination to resist aggression from any quarter. "This unity of purpose is of supreme value at the present time."

His Majesty expressed complete confidence in the outcome of the struggle, and says: "We are bearing a very heavy burden in the fight for the liberties of mankind but have never entertained the slightest doubt that we shall achieve victory and enable the peoples on this continent to enjoy a peace of justice and freedom."—Reuter.

NO SECRET SESSION TO-DAY

London, To-day.

Reuter understands that in view of the latest developments in the war situation, particularly Italy's entry into the war, there will be no secret session of Parliament to-day.—Reuter.

ALL AVAILABLE BRITISH TROOPS TO GO TO FRANCE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION STATES THAT DESPITE THE IMMINENT DANGER OF A GERMAN INVASION OF BRITAIN, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND NATION ARE UNANIMOUSLY OF OPINION THAT ALL THEIR AVAILABLE FORCES SHOULD BE DIRECTED WITHOUT DELAY TO THE SCENE OF BATTLE.

It is realised that the fate not only of Britain and France but the whole world depends upon the heroic struggle of the French armies against Hitler's barbarous hordes.

Important contingents of new troops have already disembarked in France to reinforce the British forces fighting at the side of their allies, and the fleets are shelling troops on the coast.

During the last few days hundreds of German aeroplanes have dropped bombs on this country in the hope of immobilising our fighters. This measure completely failed. The one thought in British minds is to sustain the battlefront, and the British people are prepared to endure attacks which would otherwise be directed against the Allied armies.

Unshakeable Confidence

Every enemy aeroplane which crosses the British coast and every bomb which falls on Britain finds ashes by so much the German effort at the front.

The British people have an unshakeable confidence in the mill-

tary genius of the French High Command and in the traditional heroism of the French soldier.

Faced with the menace of Nazi slavery, every free man must say to himself "Victory at all costs, and sooner death than defeat."—Reuter.

"Back Area"

London, To-day.

The great battle now proceeding in France is being followed with close sympathetic attention by the British public.

Everyone realises that the land of Britain itself may accurately be described as a "back area" of the fighting front.

Not only is it the "Battle of Paris" but the "Battle of London" as well, and it is realised that the fate not only of Britain and France but that of the whole world depends on the result of this heroic struggle waged by the French armies against Hitler's barbarous hordes.—British Wireless.

AMERICA URGED TO DECLARE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

An outright declaration of war on Germany was urged by hundreds of prominent American scientists, writers and businessmen in a public proclamation.

The proclamation reads:

"The United States programme of national defence shows it has already ranged itself on the side of the Allies. From the American point of view Nazi Germany is the mortal enemy of our ideals, our institutions and our very manner of living."

"What we have, what we are and what we hope to be can now be defended along the Weygand front. That is why our disposable air, naval and military material should be used immediately to help defend our common allied front."

"But these resources alone cannot be supplied rapidly enough to stem the German advance and to parry any eventual German attack on American interests."

"The United States Government must immediately officially recognise the facts and logic of the situation by declaring that a state of war exists between itself and Germany."—Havas.

STOCK EXCHANGE

London, To-day.

Home rails were supported throughout yesterday's Stock Exchange session while in other sections prices, after early hesitations, showed some improvement, especially gilt-edged and Kaffirs. Foreign issues scarcely moved. Wall Street was easy.—Reuter.

Vigorous French Counter-Attacks As PACE OF GERMAN ADVANCE GROWS

PARIS, TO-DAY.
LAST NIGHT'S FRENCH WAR COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT FROM THE SEA TO THE OISE THE ENEMY ACCENTUATED HIS PRESSURE BETWEEN THE ROADS FROM AMIENS TO ROUEN AND AMIENS TO VERNON, REACHING THE LOWER SEINE AT CERTAIN POINTS, WHERE SOME ELEMENTS HAVE CROSSED THE RIVER.

FRANCE WOUNDED, UNAFRAID

Paris, To-day.

Broadcasting to the nation last night, the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, said: "We are in the sixth day of the greatest battle in history.

"The conflagration begun on the Somme has now extended to the east as far as the Meuse. Our armies have manoeuvred and have not left one strong point without inflicting great losses on the enemy.

"It is at the very moment, when France, wounded but valiant and devoted, is fighting against the German hegemony for its own independence as well as for that of the whole world, that Mussolini has chosen to declare war on us.

"Great personages, including the Pope and President Roosevelt, have tried to avert this extension of the war but in vain.

And For What?

"And for what reason did Mussolini decide that blood must flow?

"When at 4.30 this afternoon our Ambassador in Rome asked this question of Count Ciano, the reply was 'Mussolini is only carrying out plans which he has made,' and hostilities begin at midnight to-night.

"France enters this war with a pure conscience. France cannot die."—Reuter.

CANADIAN MINISTER KILLED IN AIR CRASH

Belleville (Ont), To-day.

Mr. Norman McLeod Rogers, Canada's National Defence Minister, was killed when an Air Force plane in which he was travelling from Ottawa to Toronto yesterday, crashed at Newtonville, a town on Lake Ontario. Three members of the crew were also killed.—Reuter.

He is everywhere held by vigorous counter-attacks. Between the road from Amiens to Vernon and the course of the lower Oise his infantry has been less incisive.

It has been above all by means of his air force that he has sought to harass the movements of our units by repeated bombardment on their rear.

To the east of the Oise enemy columns which had debouched in the afternoon only succeeded in extending the bridgehead that he established on Sunday by pushing as far as Lare-tournes.

To the east of the Aisne the enemy has extended his attacks to all openings as far as Beaumont.

Everywhere our troops have stood their ground and offered the most energetic resistance to the enemy, defending the ground foot by foot and counter-attacking.

Many air reconnaissances have been effected over the front and back areas; particularly flights were made over Namur and Donaueschingen.

Convoys Bombed

Convoys have been bombed by our air force at Forges-les-Eaux, Soissons and Pont Avett.

Our fighters in their covering missions have achieved important victories. One fighter group under the command of Major Thibaudet particularly distinguished itself, bringing down in one expedition 12 enemy machines.

All our planes which participated in these engagements returned without bearing the trace of one bullet.—Reuter.

Without Counting Cost

Paris, To-day.

An Air Ministry communique declares the air force is continuing its energetic action in the great battle with gallantry and admirable spirit.

The crews are doing everything possible without counting the cost.

It is added that over 75 tons of explosives were dropped on enemy marching columns and tanks while several bridges over the Oise were destroyed.

Over 30 enemy machines were brought down, one of our groups of pursuit planes obtaining 12 victories without a single loss.—Reuter.

Radio Telephone Cut?

New York, To-day.

Radio telephone communication between New York and Paris stopped

early yesterday without indication when it would be resumed.

It was pointed out that the Paris transmitting station is 16 miles northwest of the city, and hence it is thought here the interruption may be due to military activities.—Reuter.

Paris In State Of Defence

Paris, To-day.

The capital was placed in a state of defence yesterday. The permanent staffs of the Ministries evacuated on Sunday and yesterday to the provinces. The heads of the Government remain.

The outskirts of Paris were heavily bombed on Sunday night, particularly railheads.—Reuter.

BRITAIN GIVES ORDERS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

It is learned in official quarters that steps have been taken in Gibraltar, Malta, Egypt, Palestine, Kenya and Somaliland to meet the situation created by Italy's declaration of war.—Havas.

GREAT HUMAN TRAGEDY

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, said Italy's entry into the war would prove "a great disappointment to peoples everywhere" and "a great human tragedy!"—Reuter.

AIR VERSUS SEA POWER

New York, To-day.

A syndicated article by Admiral Yates Stirling says that with all its great advances, air power has not demonstrated anything like complete superiority over naval power.

The British and French Fleets are still easily able to maintain the blockade of Germany and German merchant shipping is still off the seas.

There are some indications, too, that surface warcraft are improving their ability to resist air attack.

They are keeping closed many lines of transport which in a long war may well strangle Germany.—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.

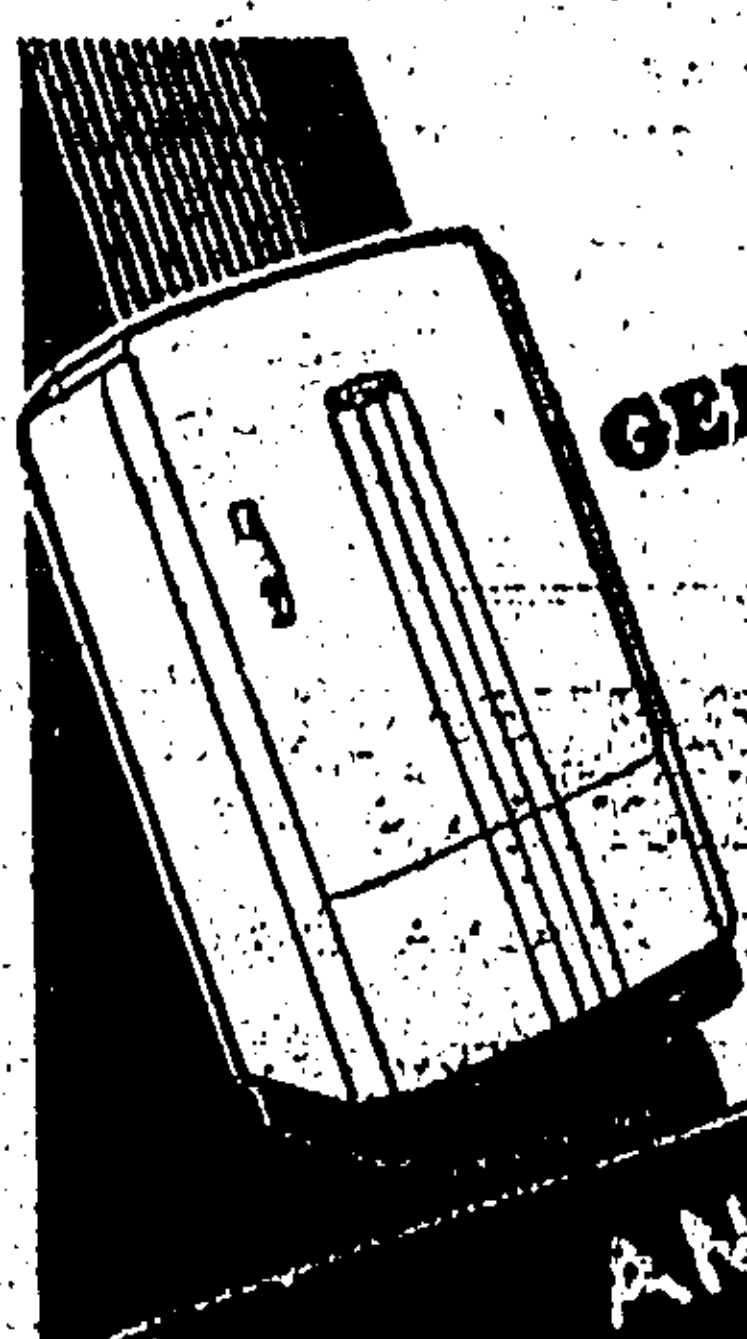


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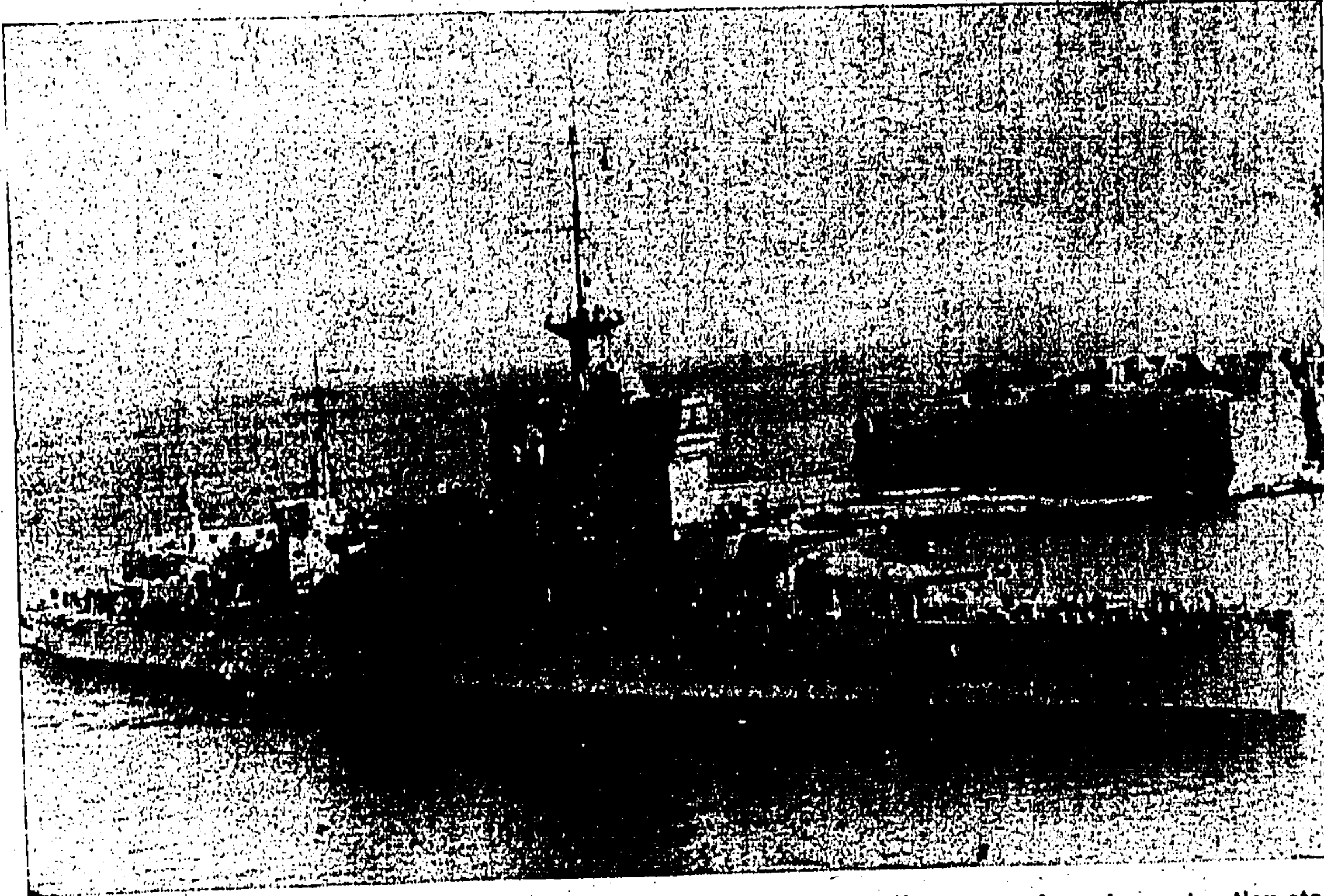
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H.M.S. Warspite at Malta. The Allied naval forces in the Mediterranean have been at action stations for some weeks now in anticipation of Italian entry into the war. Italy's first blows against Britain are almost certain to be struck at Malta.

R.A.F. HUNTING DOWN GERMAN TANKS

London, To-day.

ARMoured VEHICLES AND mechanized columns which had filtered through the Left Wing of the Allied defences south of the River Bresle were hunted and repeatedly attacked by strong forces of R.A.F. bombers during daylight operations yesterday.

In a series of intensive attacks a large force of bombers dropped nearly a thousand bombs of various types within a period of fifteen minutes. Several direct hits were scored on enemy columns, A.A. batteries and other targets. Later still, a larger force of bombers successfully attacked enemy forces on the roads near Poix.

Infantry motor transports on the move were bombed and hits were scored on a group of small tanks in the centre of a village through which the enemy column was passing.

R.A.F. activities against the enemy were no less widespread during the night.

They ranged from the mouth of the Somme to Flushing in the North, Mezieres in the south and throughout the industrial areas of the Ruhr.

More than 6,000 incendiary bombs were dropped over the Ardennes and fire after fire was seen blazing furiously. The flames were followed by

many explosions. Nine hundred incendiary bombs were also dropped in the Hirson region where explosions continued for twenty minutes after the attacks were made.

Meanwhile, other formations of bombers were over the Ruhr and registered direct hits on important military objectives. Key railway centres and important tracks in the same areas were subjected to heavy assault by both incendiary and high explosive bombs.—British Wireless.

STOCKHOLM REPORT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

It is reported here that Norwegian plenipotentiaries have arrived in Berlin to confer with the Germans. —Havas.

HITLER'S MESSAGE TO KING VICTOR

Berlin, To-day.

Hitler has telegraphed the King of Italy: "Providence has willed that against our intentions we are compelled to defend freedom and the future of our people in the struggle against Britain and France.

"In this historic moment we are sure we shall win and then the vital rights of our two nations will be secure for all time." —Reuter.

EMBASSIES READY TO LEAVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
ROME, TO-DAY.

ANNOUNCING THAT A FORMAL DECLARATION OF WAR HAD BEEN HANDED TO THE BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS, MUSSOLINI, IN HIS SPEECH AT THE PALAZZO VENEZIA, BEFORE 250,000 BLACKSHIRTS, SAID:

"We have taken up arms against those Western Democracies which tried to deprive us of the right to live.

"A young nation of 45,000,000 cannot live free if it does not have free access to the ocean.

"Our everlasting and profound friendship binds us with Germany."

Among the huge crowds listening to the speech were many Germans wearing Nazi uniforms.

After Mussolini had spoken the personnel of the British and French Embassies hastily prepared to leave for Switzerland.

The French Ambassador to the Vatican, who only on Sunday had presented his credentials to His Holiness the Pope, is taking refuge in the Vatican. —Havas.

U.S. AS ALLY OF WEST

STOCKHOLM, TO-DAY.

THE "DAGN NYHET" SAYS THAT ALTHOUGH THE UNITED STATES IS NOT A BELLIGERENT IN THE TECHNICAL SENSE, NEITHER IS SHE NEUTRAL — PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS ALREADY TAKEN A STAND AS THE ALLY OF THE WESTERN POWERS.

Since the German invasion of Norway, American intervention has intensified.

President Roosevelt stated after the commencement of the new German offensive that European events directly concerned America and America in an increasing degree is supplying war material to the Allies and American neutrality does not exist even on paper.—Reuter.

ALLIED ARMY IN NEAR EAST READY

London, To-day.

REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT on the Syrian-Turkish frontier, after touring Syria and Lebanon, wires:

"I saw something of the formidable French forces that are not only waiting but individually are almost hoping for action in the Near East.

NIGHT RAIDS OF R.A.F.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE SAYS THAT IN THE LAST 24 HOURS MEDIUM AND HEAVY BOMBERS OF THE R.A.F. ACTIVELY ATTACKED THE ENEMY'S LINES OF COMMUNICATION IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THE FIGHTING FRONTS.

Armoured vehicles, mechanical transport columns and troop concentrations were also heavily bombed in the Abbeville, Amiens, Beauvais and Rouen areas.

Every crossing of the Somme, Aisne and Oise was repeatedly attacked during the night, and serious damage was caused to ammunition dumps and supplies.

Other formations bombed a large number of military objectives in Rhenish Prussia and the Ruhr.

Four of our aircraft are missing. The squadrons of the R.A.F. in France have been further reinforced. —Reuter.

"They include besides French conscript troops, colourful Spahis, and dashing Circassian cavalry. A section of these Circassians form the personal bodyguard of General Mittlehauser, the French Commander-in-Chief in the Levant.

"The forces are well spread out in different parts of the country. Some are billeted in the tiny villages, others are encamped in rocky mountain ranges, all have been busy since the outbreak of war perfecting their training and completing preparations.

"Their morale is excellent. As one Parisian told Reuter, 'We are prepared for anything, except perhaps boredom.'—Reuter.

ITALO-RUSSIAN RELATIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

Signor Rosso, Italian Ambassador to the Soviet, has arrived in Moscow, while the Soviet Ambassador to Italy, M. Gorskii, is returning to Rome. —Havas.

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ROOSEVELT SPEECH ELECTRIFIES AMERICA

Non-Belligerent Ally Of Britain And France
**Growing Number Feel America
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COMMENT ON PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SPEECH IN OFFICIAL LONDON CIRCLES WAS "THE WORDS OF THE PRESIDENT WILL HEARTEN AND ENCOURAGE THOSE WHOM HE DESCRIBES AS GIVING THEIR LIFE-BLOOD IN THE COMBAT AGAINST THE GODS OF FORCE AND HATE."

"The Allied Democracies are now combining against great odds but are no wit dismayed. Remembering the things for which they are fighting they will fight with all the greater confidence now they have heard the President's uncompromising championship of their cause.

"The material resources of the United States, added to those of the Allies, will prove a vital factor in the struggle now going on between the Democracies of the West and anti-Christian forces of barbarism.

"No-one, not even Mussolini, can believe the United States are a plutocracy or a sterile nation.

"Both dictators who are embarked on this struggle against the free peoples of Europe will now have an opportunity to digest the attitude of America to the entry of Italy in the war."

Effect Electrifying

Meanwhile, in Washington, it is safe to say that nobody quite expected the speech that President Roosevelt delivered.

Its effect was electrifying on the many millions of Americans who heard it.

For the first time, it is felt in Washington, the President has drawn aside the veil and exposed to the view of Americans just what the victory of force is likely to mean to America and the vital part they have in the European struggle.

Transition Of America

President Roosevelt's disclosure of Mussolini's refusal to adjust differences by negotiation is expected to play a vital part in the transition of America to perhaps more than a non-belligerent ally, the position in which President Roosevelt placed the country last night, according to well-informed circles in Washington.

Most people in Washington are anxious to know precisely what the President meant when he offered the Allies American material resources, but it is certain he can now give tremendous assistance with scarcely a single critical voice being raised.

Not Far Enough

For many people in the United States, President Roosevelt did not go far enough.

So far Reuter in Washington has not heard a single comment that does not favour assistance being given the Allies with all speed, while there, is a growing number, if as yet small, who feel America should be right in it with the Allies.—Reuter.

ANTI-ITALIAN RIOTS IN SOHO

London, To-day.

Anti-Italian riots, in which bottles were thrown and fire-arms used, broke out in the Soho district of

GLORIOUS AND TWO DESTROYERS FEARED LOST

London, To-day.

It is feared that the aircraft-carrier, H.M.S. Glorious, two destroyers and auxiliary vessels have been lost.

An Admiralty communique states that as no further information has been received regarding naval operations in connection with the withdrawal of our forces from Narvik (referred to in yesterday's communique) and as, up to the present, it has not been possible to establish communication with certain ships, the Admiralty regrets that it must now be presumed that the following vessels have been lost: H.M.S. Glorious (Capt. G. Oylly Hughes).

The Transport Orama.
The Tanker, Oil Pioneer.
H.M.S. Acasta, destroyer (Commander E. Glassford).
H.M.S. Ardente, destroyer (Lt. Commander J. F. Barker).
The Orama, it is known, carried no troops.

A German communique says that several hundred survivors have been rescued from these ships, and the next of kin are being informed as quickly as possible.

H.M.S. Glorious is the second aircraft carrier of seven to be lost. Completed in 1917 as a cruiser, she was afterwards converted to an aircraft carrier and was then a vessel of 22,500 tons.—Reuter.

London last night.

The windows of several Italian restaurants were smashed.

Scores of police are now patrolling the streets.

In Liverpool, considerable damage was done to premises run by Italians. Thousands of people gathered and the crowd threw bricks and other missiles.—Reuter.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ITALIAN BRAGADOCCIO

London, To-day.

In a running commentary before Mussolini's speech, the Rome radio announcer stated that 80,000,000 Germans would be listening to the Duce's words.

He added: "Let us salute them at this moment when we are now 150,000,000 standing together."

The commentator estimated that about 250,000 people were gathered

ROOSEVELT FLAYS IL DUCE'S TREACHERY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Charlottesville, To-day.
In the course of his speech, President Roosevelt accused Italy of "plunging a dagger into the back of France."

He said: "On the tenth day of June, 1940, the hand that held the dagger struck it into the back of its neighbour."—Havas.

in the Palazzo Venezia. They carried posters bearing the names of towns and territories claimed by Italy.

All shops were closed to enable their employees to hear Mussolini. Loud speakers installed in all squares and restaurants and cafes broadcast Fascist songs and military marches before the speech.

Following a demonstration in honour of Mussolini the crowd went to the Royal Palace where they cheered the King.—Reuter.

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IL DUCE'S MOVE: ONE OF VILEST THINGS IN HISTORY

London, To-day.

MR. A. DUFF-COOPER, the Minister for Information, broadcasting to Canadian, American and home listeners last night, said: "Mussolini has timed his blow with characteristic cowardly treachery. It will be remembered for generations as one of the vilest things in history."

"Mussolini has waited for more than nine months, until France has fought desperately against great odds. At last the opportunity to stab an old friend in the back in the hour of that friend's greatest peril has proved too strong a temptation for Mussolini to resist."

"It is also very tragic that there is so much we love and admire in Italy and the Italian people."

"Had they had the democratic system of government, which allows the will of the people to prevail, they would never have entered the war on the side of their hereditary enemy against their hereditary friends."

"The foolish crowd of young Fascists who were cheering this afternoon in Rome little knew the fearful fate that awaits them."

"Whatever temporary successes they may achieve in the earlier days of warfare they will certainly be defeated in the end."

"Mussolini will bring misery and starvation upon his people. He will leave nothing behind him but the curses of those he has betrayed and he will increase the number of ruins for which Italy has so long been famous."

Italy's War Record

Mr. Duff-Cooper said Italy had never won a war without assistance, except against the unfortunate Abyssinians, who were armed with spears against tanks and bows and arrows against poison gas.

In her struggle for independence in the last century she was assisted at every turn by Great Britain and France.

It was French soldiers and not Italians who drove the Austrians out of Italy.

Germany was no more likely to win the war with the assistance of Italy than without her.

On the contrary, it was more than likely that Italy would prove a liability rather than an asset, as indeed she proved to her allies in the last war.

"I believe the news that Italy has joined in the war is well timed to strengthen the endurance and encourage the hearts of the French and British people, because we know the Italians of old and we know that whatever other qualities they may possess, we can never fail to beat them on the field of battle."—Reuter.

"COBBER" KAIN KILLED IN AIR ACCIDENT

WELLINGTON, TO-DAY.

IT WAS WITH VERY DEEP REGRET THAT NEW ZEALAND LEARNED OF THE DEATH OF "COBBER" KAIN, THE FIRST R.A.F. PILOT TO WIN DISTINCTION IN FRANCE. HE HAS BEEN KILLED ON ACTIVE SERVICE IN AN AIR ACCIDENT.

"Cobber" was 22 years of age and a native of Wellington.

Mr. Fraser, the N.Z. Prime Minister, paid a deep tribute to the young "Ace," whose death, he said, has caused the deepest sorrow all through the Dominion.—Reuter.

GRIM REALITIES

Toronto, To-day.

Mr. Norman Rogers, Canadian Minister of Defence, yesterday afternoon addressed a joint meeting of Empire and Canadian clubs.

The present seriousness of the situation did not warrant the expression of optimistic platitudes, he said.

It was better to face the grim realities with courage and resolution, but they must not lose for a moment their supreme confidence in the final victory.

Loyal naturalised Canadians of enemy extraction need not fear internment, he said.

He believed that Canada would never need to subscribe to the principle of total conscription.—Reuter.

INCREASE IN NUMBERS OF U.S. ARMY

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives military committee has authorised legislation increasing the regular army from 280,000 to 400,000, and also authorising the President, when Congress is not in session, to call out the territorials for "use or training" within the United States.—Reuter.

INTERMENT OF THE ELDER ALIENS

London, To-day.

Enemy aliens between 80 and 70 years of age who have previously only had to obey limited restrictions are now being interned.—Reuter.

BRITAIN'S SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

London, To-day.

The British Press yesterday was editorially concerned with the war savings campaign. The total of "small savings" has already reached £200,000,000 and the number of war savings groups has already reached 90,000.

"The Times" says that the intensive drive now taking place in war production must grow more and more, whatever sacrifice is required.

The "Daily Telegraph" comments that the old Romans said that "thrift is revenue." To-day, for the British people, it is also "national service." It provides silver bullets not only against parachutists but also that the enemy legions on the battlefield will be overthrown.—Reuter.

WAR WITH ITALY BEGAN AT MIDNIGHT

Foreign Office Statement

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE FOREIGN OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MUSSOLINI'S NOTIFICATION THAT A STATE OF WAR HAS EXISTED AS FROM ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT SAYS:

"This rash and foolhardy decision of the Duce will not have come as a surprise to the people of this country. It has been obvious for many weeks that he had decided he was on the side of the Germans.

"It is equally obvious that the great majority of the Italian people is opposed to this step. The Duce's decision was taken on the most completely materialistic grounds.

"It is clear his moves were inspired purely for gain and that his entry into the war was timed for the moment when the Allies were facing the crest of the German invasion.

"He doubtless hopes to profit by what he wrongly anticipates will be an overwhelming German victory.

"Both the British and French Governments have made it clear in recent weeks to Mussolini that they are perfectly prepared to examine in friendly consultation the grievances which Italy was believed to nourish concerning her position in the Mediterranean.

Mussolini Forgot

"The reason can only be that Mussolini calculates he will be able to gain more by plunging his people into the horrors of war.

"In his speech he first spoke of the events of quite recent history. These, he said, could be summarised in the words 'Half promises, constant threats and blackmail, and finally the League siege of 52 states.'

"Mussolini forgot to mention the agreement between Britain and Italy on April 16, 1938, by which the Italian Government acknowledged at the time that all outstanding differences between the two countries were liquidated, the status quo in the Mediterranean was recognised, machinery was provided for settling any future disputes.

"This is concrete evidence that neither the British people nor the British Government ever desired war with Italy, believing there was no essential point of conflict between them, or at any rate, one that could not be settled by pacific means.

Alone Responsible

"The Allied Governments repeatedly made plain their willingness to act on this agreement freely made by Italy and to discuss any difficulties between them.

"Mussolini has deliberately chosen to tear up that agreement and plunge his country into war. He will alone be responsible for the misfortunes that this war will bring to Italy.

"As to the Duce's promise not to attack particular countries that he named, the world can judge to what extent his policy is purely opportunistic and entirely without scruple.

"A promise solemnly made to-day will be broken the moment it seems to suit his methods with not more compunction than Hitler showed when he invaded Denmark and Belgium in the face of the most formal promises of non-aggression.

"No country therefore is likely to attach the least value to the assurances contained in Mussolini's speech to-night."—Reuter.

No Desire To Respond

London, To-day.
Commenting on Italy yesterday, the "Manchester Guardian" made the same point as that made in a Moscow broadcast — the Italian Government has shown no desire to respond to British and French overtures for a peaceful settlement of problems.

Few will deny that Italy was shabbily treated at the last Peace Conference (Versailles), the "Manchester Guardian" goes on, but the only method by which problems of colonial administration and control of sea-power can be settled with justice and world security is through international discussion.

Britain and France made it clear that they were ready to discuss any grievances Italy might submit. War with Italy will be especially distressing to the British people, but the war will be not because of an Allied threat to just Italian relations but because Italy's ruler has decided to help Hitler make himself master of Europe.—Reuter.

Black-out Ordered

Rome, To-day.
The Italian War Minister ordered a black-out of the whole country, beginning last night.—Reuter.

Italy's Forces

At the beginning of the year, the Italian Army consisted of 25,024 officers and 502,582 effectives. There are 31 infantry divisions, but their personnel can be trebled quickly in time of war, so figures are misleading. There are 114 infantry regiments (including 12 Bersaglieri, nine Alpine and one Tank) and 12 partly mechanised cavalry regiments. The artillery is organised in about 85 regiments.

The air force numbers about 4,500 machines, with almost 2,000 first-line aircraft and a personnel of 56,240 all ranks.

The Navy includes the new 35,000-ton battleship Littorio, recently put into service; two of 23,000 tons, recently modernised; seven 10,000-ton cruisers; 12 5,000-7,500 ton cruisers and a few old ones; 12 modern and 6 old flotilla leaders; 44 modern destroyers; 32 modern torpedo boats and 41 old torpedo craft.

Italy's submarine force is the most powerful in the world. It includes 8 ocean-going, 36 medium, 48 small, 6 minelaying and 7 old submarines. Finally, there is a large number of high-speed motor torpedo-boats, gunboats and auxiliaries.

The building programme at the beginning of the year included 2 35,000-ton battleships, 12 3,500 scout cruisers, and a number of submarines, while two old battleships were undergoing reconstruction.

ITALY VULNERABLE

LONDON, TO-DAY.
MR. HUGH DALTON, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY, STATED ITALY IS MOST VULNERABLE TO ECONOMIC BLOCKADE.

She is dependent on outside sources for almost every important war material, oil, metals, rubber, iron ore and coal.

She cannot last long. Once her present stocks are exhausted she will become a grave economic liability to Hitler.—Reuter.

SWISS AND ITALY

Zurich, To-day.

No official Swiss views hitherto have been expressed on Italy's entry into the war.

The declaration has not come as a surprise to the Swiss public, although a deep impression has been made.

Mussolini's statement that he did not wish to draw other nations, including Switzerland, into the war, is considered reassuring.

Nevertheless the situation of Switzerland is obviously more precarious since it is now surrounded by belligerents.—Reuter.

INVASION OF FRANCE REPORT PREMATURE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Reports that Italian troops had crossed the French Mediterranean border yesterday evening were officially stated to be premature.

It was pointed out that the state of war did not come into operation until one minute after midnight.—Havas.

CANADA DECLARES WAR

Ottawa, To-day.

The House of Commons yesterday unanimously voted a declaration of war against Italy.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, moved a resolution declaring it expedient that the Canadian Government should declare a state of war against Italy on behalf of the people of Canada.

Mr. Hanson, leader of the Opposition, seconded.

In moving the resolution, the Premier said that knowing where Italy stands has freed the hands of Britain and France for more vigorous action.

Bird Of Prey

He added: "While the Allied world breathes hard it may truly be said it breathes more easily.

"During the past several months Mussolini has been like a carrion bird of prey. We cannot stand idly by in the face of this new threat to Democracy."

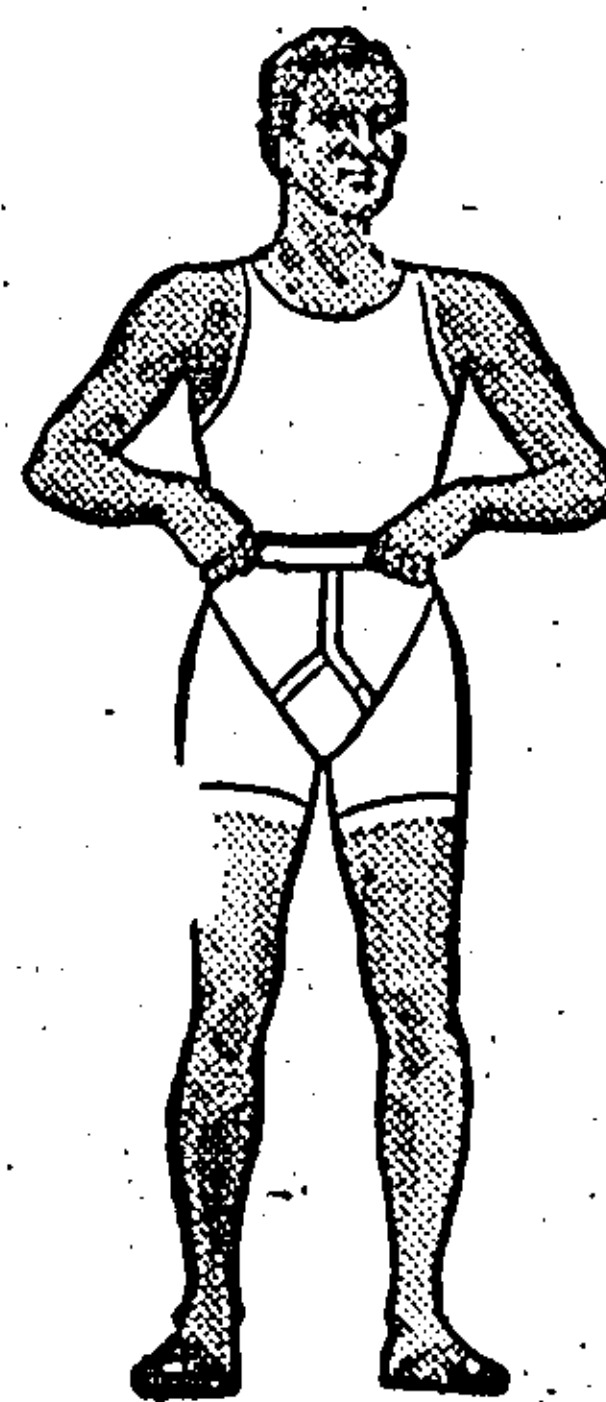
The Senate subsequently approved the war resolution and then adjourned.—Reuter.

HAILE SELASSIE GOES TO LONDON

London, To-day.

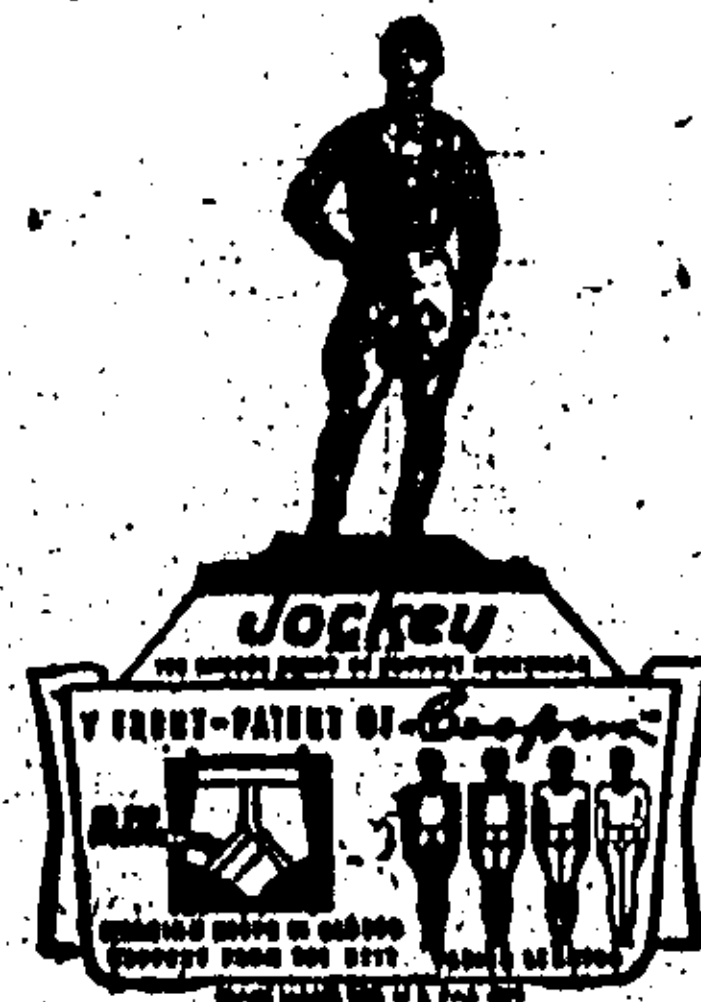
The Emperor of Abyssinia left his Bath home yesterday before the news of Italy's declaration of war was made known and later arrived in London, where he is staying at a West End hotel. No information is available regarding the purpose of his visit.—Reuter.

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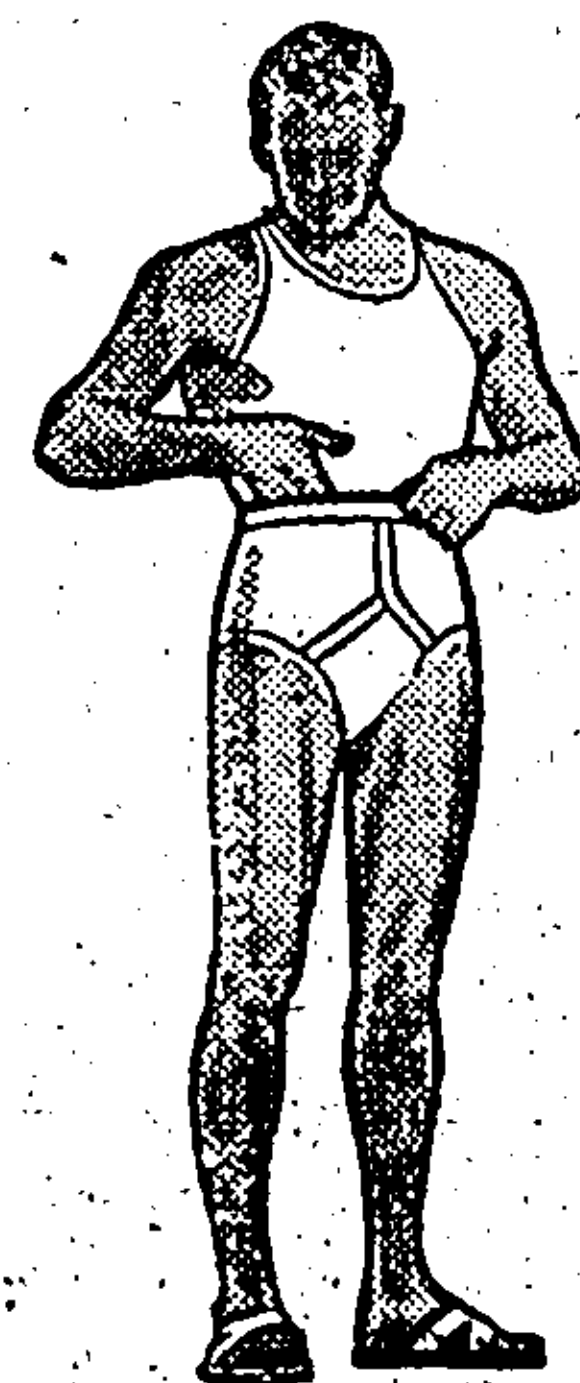
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THE TALENTS OF A CHURCHILL CALLED TO PREMIERSHIP

Mr. Churchill has become Prime Minister at a critical hour. Fortunate, perhaps, for him that it is critical. The danger, lit up as by a sudden lightning flash, has closed the ranks which had begun to gape.

His first act is to create a small War Cabinet of five. That is something which Mr. Chamberlain—who has made way with the gesture of a true patriot, and is willing to serve at the table where for three years he has ruled—did not feel impelled to do, perhaps because it would have cost him one or two of his most intimate advisers.

This disturbed many who remembered the Great War, when a War Cabinet of Five was found to be a prime essential of victory. They will be relieved to have it again now, under the charge of one who represents the very spirit of the offensive.

CHANCE PLAYS A PART

Mr. Churchill thus attains the cherished object of his ambition and fulfils the rich promise of his early Parliamentary years. Not, indeed, in the manner expected. But politics are always brimming over with the unexpected, and Mr. Churchill owes his elevation—totally unlooked for only a short year ago—to the sudden and incalculable mutations of war.

Only fools pretend to believe that human affairs are governed by Chance, but that the careers of statesmen owe much to Fortune has been one of the commonplaces of history since the Muse inspired men to reflect and record.

Fortune has been by turns Mr. Churchill's loyal friend and most implacable enemy. Whether it was good luck or bad for him to be born in the political faith of his father, Lord Randolph Churchill, it is hard to say. "Tory Democracy" always baffled a definition that satisfied either friend or foe. Moreover, his father was the most brilliant political failure of the late Victorian age.

Yet, though merely the shadow of a name to the present generation, he is still a living and tragic memory to those who were taking their first heady draughts of the political elixir when Lord Randolph was in his brief prime, and the moral of his career can never have been long absent from the mind of his eager and ambitious son.

SKILL IN DEBATE

There never was a more brilliant partisan than Lord Randolph when he infused his own high courage into a nerveless Conservative Opposition in the House of Commons and became as much the platform idol of the Conservative working-men of the north of England as Mr. Gladstone was of the Radical. His son was no less brilliant a partisan when he tore to pieces the leading figures of Mr. Balfour's forlorn and distracted Administration and drew freely from an inexhaustible fund of ingenious and hilarious railery. There was also the same rollicking gusto in the performance—in that respect happily the Prime Minister has never fully grown up—the same dexterity of phrase, the same gift of selecting the right barb for the right sore place.

Mr. Balfour possessed a large indifference to attack, but he often winced under the shafts of the youthful member for Oldham, so lately his unappreciated and unrecognised follower, who spoke at 30 with all the aplomb and with a sure touch of aristocratic insolence that the harassed Prime Minister remembered in his wayward leader and associate of the Fourth Party 20 years before.

Here was a freshness, unspilled by over-study, an audacity which scorned convention, a self-confidence which rebutted the suspicion of conceit because it produced a constant series of applauded achievements and a seemingly unquenchable reserve of energy.

Nor could want of experience be thrown in the teeth of one who had lived in camps and seen war in India, in Cuba, in the Sudan, and in South Africa, and could already show astonishingly rich first-fruits of a vivid and masterly pen. A new and more brilliant apparition than Randolph was shining in the political heavens: would it prove comet or fixed star?

The truth about Mr. Churchill's variegated career—he left the Conservative for the Liberal party at the 1906 election—is that though in many respects he seemed a typical party man, he was, as Lord Rosebery actually observed of his father, "in substance and in spirit far away." He could ill abide close contact with his more clayey col-

leagues; his nimble wit was impatient of dulness, especially in his superiors; he detested the perilous and sordid extremes into which the dependence of the Liberal party upon Irish Nationalist support was hurrying the country during the closing stages of the Home Rule controversy.

GENIUS WASTED

Moreover, the grandson of a territorial Duke must have had moments of grave misgiving when riding knee to knee with a highwayman, and the lineal descendant of Marlborough—not to mention the Duchess Sarah—must have been revolted at times by

By
J.B. FIRTH

the purblind pacifism which perpetually thwarted his supreme efforts at the Admiralty to make the King's ships ready for sea in the war which he knew to be coming a quarter of a century ago.

Few British statesmen have undergone greater vicissitudes than Mr. Churchill. When the Great War started he seemed destined for greater glory than any of his colleagues.

Mr. Churchill's genius was tragically wasted, and the unworthy political jealousies which first compelled his extrusion from the Cabinet and then retarded his return are one of the gravest blots upon the political record of the time.

WHEN OUT OF OFFICE

This is no moment for a review in detail of the many phases of his career. Was he right, for example, in continuing armed support to the White Russians against the Bolsheviks after the Armistice? Probably not, in view of the hostility it aroused, but, at any rate, right or wrong, he accurately presaged what an appalling disaster the triumph of Bolshevism meant for Europe and the world.

Again, was he right in the unyielding resistance he offered to the policy of Indian Constitutional Reform? Probably not, for the case was already prejudged in advance, and generosity and magnanimity in such matters rarely fail. But here, too, Mr. Churchill won the respect of the country for his boldness in taking the unpopular side and sticking to it through thick and thin, even at the cost of broken friendships with old associates and the possible ruin of his chance of return to his rightful place in his party's councils.

Mr. Churchill has never sulked in his tent and waited for overtures to be made to him. During the 10 years he was out of office he fought his own battles and his own campaigns, lending a powerful but uninvited hand to the Government from time to time, and never speaking without revealing anew the loss which his absence from the Government meant. His supreme aim since 1935 was to rouse the British people to a sense of the dimensions of the new German menace—especially the menace from the air.

HIS PREDECESSOR

Rearmament first on a modest, then on a large, and afterwards on an ever-increasing scale—such were the gradations to which the National Government was driven step by step, and at each the voice of Mr. Churchill was heard warning them that only the uttermost sacrifice would be enough. His recognition was that, when war came last September, he was summoned to a place in the War Cabinet by the virtually unanimous voice of the people.

And now he is Prime Minister I would not say that it is Hitler who has thrust Mr. Churchill into his high office, but the synchronisation of his invasion of Holland and Belgium with a Cabinet crisis in London settled with a snap in less than an hour doubts and hesitations and negotiations which might in the normal way—as in December, 1918—have been protracted over days and left irreparable wounds and enmities behind.

"A divided Cabinet," as Queen Victoria once bluntly wrote to her favourite Prime Minister, "is no use." The Empire needs a Chatham. We shall soon know whether he has been found in Mr. Churchill.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

EIGHT POINTS ON ITALIAN ENTRY INTO WAR

London, To-day.

THE FOLLOWING considerations are relevant in view of Italy's entry into the war. First, this war is not a war of the Italian people to defend the honour and vital interests of Italy.

It has been ordered by a clique who are concerned only to maintain their own position and defend the interests of a political party.

Second, the Allies offered to meet all legitimate Italian aspirations. There is thus no conflict between the Allies and Italy which could justify war.

ICHANG SHIPPING WARNED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Chinese vessels on the Ichang waterfront will be bombed irrespective of the presence among them of third power shipping, declared the Japanese military spokesman at the weekly press conference yesterday.

The spokesman said the Japanese had previously refrained from attacking the considerable concentration of Chinese ships at Ichang because of the presence of vessels of other nationalities.

Third power diplomatic representatives had now been warned. Britain, Germany and the United States had acknowledged the representations.

A further announcement intimated that any damage done to third power property as the result of the "scorched earth" policy of the Chungking Government would have to be compensated by that Government and the Japanese authorities would accept no responsibility.—Havas.

JAPAN'S GOLD ORDER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

THE COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF HOARDED GOLD ACCORDING TO THE REVISED GOLD PRODUCTION LAW WAS DECIDED RECENTLY BY THE FINANCE MINISTRY, SAYS THE "NICHU-NICHU."

The decision was reached because some gold holders are not aware that the movement launched by the Finance Ministry is already finished, while some of them hesitate to sell gold to the Government, hoping for a rise in price soon.

It is understood that formal issuance of this order will be made about July 1. — Havas.

FILM STARS BEGIN WAR WORK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

Noel Coward and Madeleine Carroll were passengers in the Atlantic Clipper yesterday, bound for France.

Mr. Coward is headed for Paris, where he is to resume his "special duties" after six weeks stay in the United States.

Miss Carroll is also on her way to Paris to carry on relief work among orphans and refugees.—Havas.

BOURSE TRANSFERRED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French Government has decided on a temporary transfer of the Bourse (Stock Exchange) to the provinces.—Havas.

Third, on the other hand there is a conflict between Italian interests and German aspirations. German hegemony in Europe would mean the establishment of Germany on and in the Mediterranean and the reduction of Italy to the rank of a second-rate power.

Fourth, England and Italy were never proper enemies. Anglo-Italian friendship has rested in the past on a real community of interests. To-day Italy and Great Britain have the same vital interest in preventing German hegemony in Europe. There is no aim more vital to the future existence of both countries.

Fifth, the Italians are now fighting like mercenaries of Hitler for the aggrandisement of Germany.

Victory must be as disastrous to Italy as defeat not only because of the danger to Italy of the German aspirations but because of the threat to Western civilisation from the Nazi paganism, the declared enemy of the Catholic Church, and indeed of all Christian churches.

On Same Footing

Sixth, the British dislike having to fight Italy in a war forced on the Allies by the Fascist Government.

But the war against Germany must be waged and won. As long as the Italians are harnessed to the German machine they must expect to be treated on the same footing as the Germans.

Seventh, in the struggle between Western civilisation and the pagan lords of Germany, the Fascist Government has waited so as to intervene at the moment of greatest embarrassment to the Allies. It is hoped by this unchivalrous and cowardly policy to secure safely for Italy such plunder as Germany will graciously permit her to have. But what the Italians will in fact experience is world contempt and the armed might of the two empires which Italy has wantonly attacked.

A Long War

Eighth, this is to be a long war. Unless Germany collapses unexpectedly, it will be fought as Mr. Churchill declared, on the ocean, on the land and in the air with the vast resources at the disposal of the Allies until the German menace has been lifted from Europe. There can be no hope therefore of Italy obtaining great successes in a short while and at little cost. She will be called on for great sacrifices — and to whose advantage? Germany's. — Reuter.

DEATH OF MRS. A.W. BLISS

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death which occurred this morning, after an illness lasting some weeks, of Mrs. Eve Bliss, wife of Mr. A. W. Bliss, who was with the Kowloon Docks until his retirement some years ago.

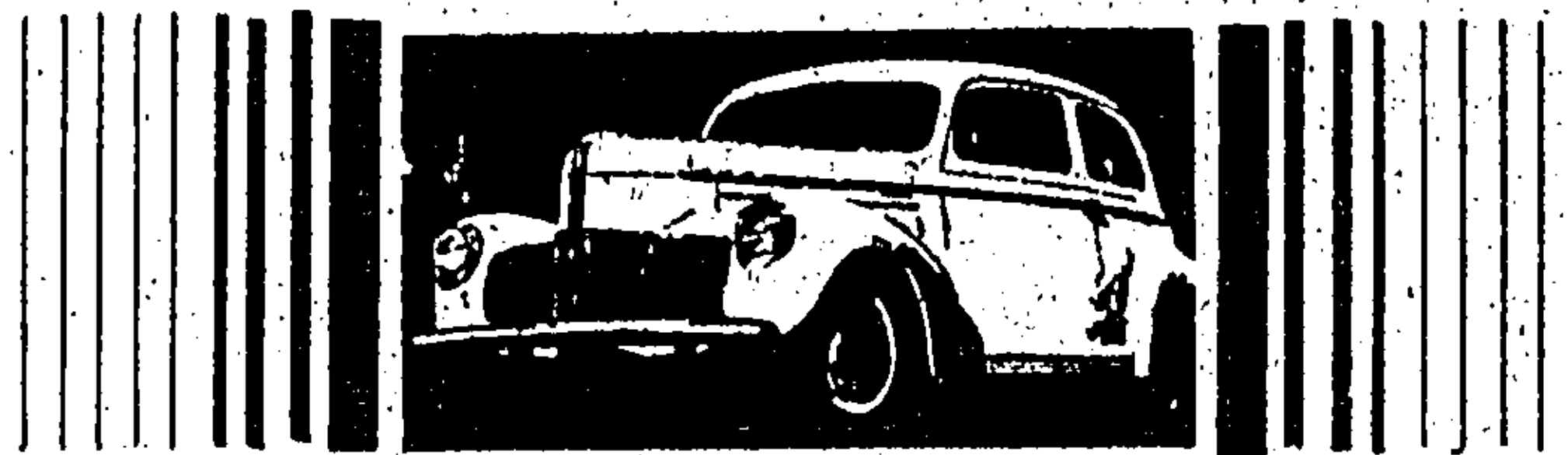
Mrs. Bliss was a member of a well-known Hong Kong family, was an active Church worker, and was held in high respect and esteem.

She leaves, in addition to her husband, a son and two daughters, with whom the deepest sympathy will be felt.

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SINGAPORE'S PART IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS

London, To-day.

SINGAPORE IS ONE OF THE most important points in the world, declared Professor Denis Saurat, Director of the French Institute, lecturing in London last night on Anglo-French co-operation in Asia.

He declared the fate of China would not only be the fate of India but of the pro-British forces in the Far East. Fortunately Singapore was in a very strong position and French experts who had visited the island declared it practically impregnable.

Prof. Saurat said there was complete unity of Franco-British action in the Far East, including the entente for the defence of Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaya. There was also Java and Sumatra, belonging to their Dutch allies, and the American interest in the Philippines.

Stressing the French pride in Indo-China, the speaker said the Allies had agreed to co-operate in its retention.

Dog-Fight

Turning to China, Prof. Saurat said the Japanese were masters of China in theory but not in practice. There were at present three large dogs fighting in China — Japan, Russia and the United States.

Whatever the outcome, Britain and France held the key position not only of the Far East but perhaps of the world; the future of the Far East was for the Allies to decide.

There were British interests in China, centring in Hong Kong and Shanghai, but also very strong interests concentrated in Malaya and Singapore. Not only was this the only road to India but also the key to Australia.

Cards In Our Hands

But Britain and France must learn the lesson they failed to learn after the last war, not to allow other influences to grow over-strong in the Far East.

"We have all the cards in our hands; let us play them the right way,"—Reuter.

KING OF NORWAY IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

King Haakon of Norway, with Crown Prince Olaf, arrived in London last night. They were welcomed to England by the King and drove to Buckingham Palace with him.—Reuter.

CURE OF HERRINGS

London, To-day.

In the next three months, the Ministry of Food will take over the whole cure of herrings from the principal Scottish shipping ports.—Reuter.

HONG KONG PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation, gazetted to-day reads: By His Excellency Norman Lockhart Smith, Esquire, Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Officer Administering the Government of the Colony of Hong Kong and its Dependencies.

I, the said Norman Lockhart Smith, being satisfied thereof by information received by me, do hereby proclaim that war has broken out between His Majesty and Italy.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the Colony at Victoria, Hong Kong, this 11th day of June, 1940.

Published by His Excellency's Command,
R. A. C. NORTH,
Colonial Secretary.

Italians Arrested

The "China Mail" was officially informed this morning that the movements of all Italian nationals and of the religious personnel of the Italian Missions has been "restricted."

The broad term "restricted" means in certain instances, internment, and in others, instructions not to leave their places of abode for the present.

The arrest of all male Italian civilians is reported to be in progress.

The police have taken over the offices of Lloyd Triestino.

THE BREAD STANDARD

London, To-day.

Every effort is being made to maintain the present high standard of bread. The darkish bread of the last war, it is said, is unlikely to re-appear.

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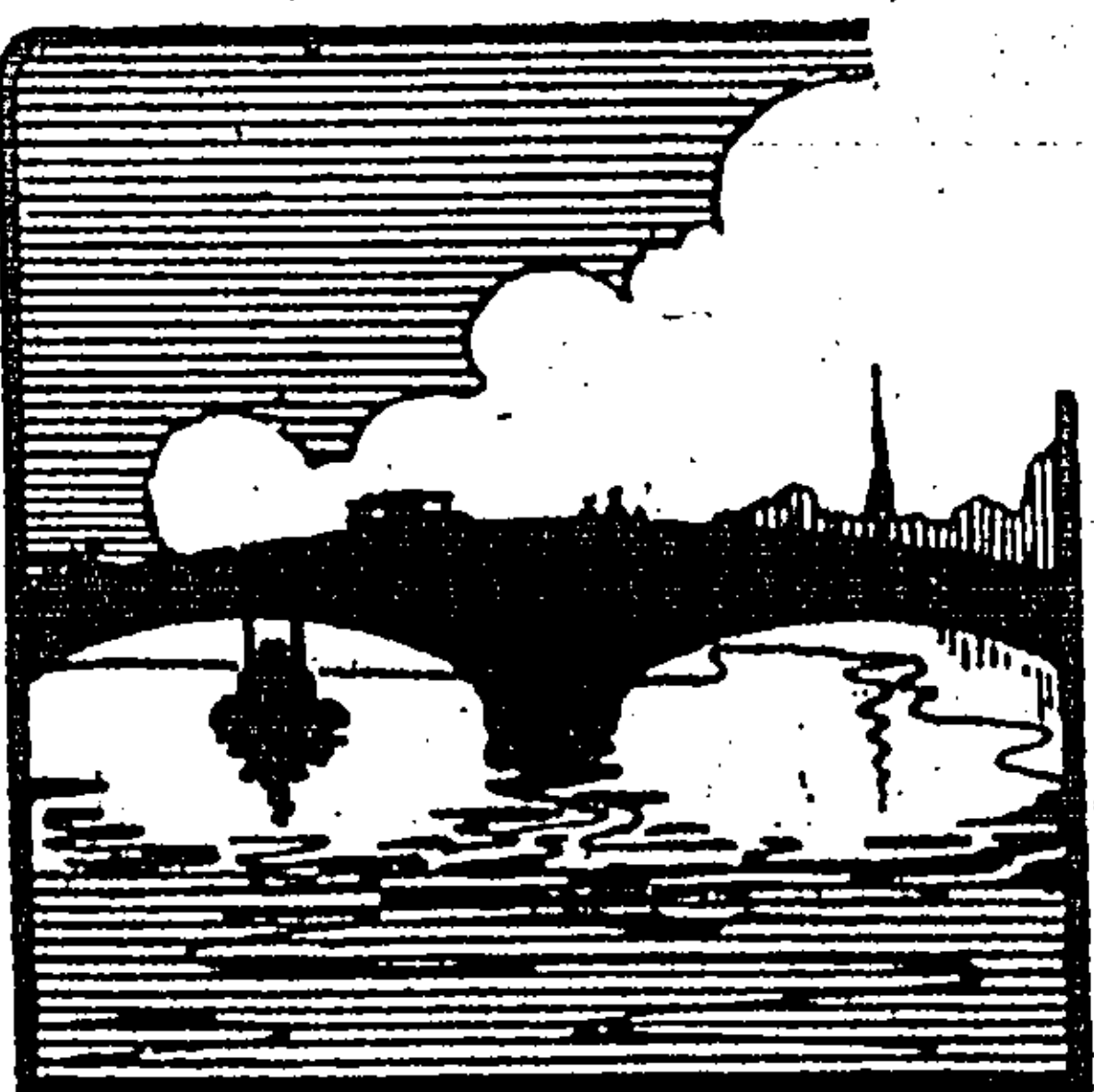
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CAIRO PREPARED

New York, To-day.

Joseph Levy, Cairo correspondent of the "New York Times," describes in a cable the reaction in Cairo to any attack from Italy.

"Any observer with a thorough knowledge of Islamic religious psychology would not hesitate to affirm that the most modern armament, tanks, Gestapo and OGPU methods would not have the slightest chance against a Moslem religious war because every faithful Mohammedan sincerely and unflinchingly believes that dying for his religion is the sure road to paradise.

"If Mussolini is well informed about

IL DUCE'S SPEECH

ROME, TO-DAY.

MUSSOLINI'S SPEECH ANNOUNCING THE WAR, LASTED ONLY 15 MINUTES, OVER HALF OF WHICH WAS TAKEN UP BY CHEERS AND SHOUTS FROM THE ASSEMBLED FASCISTS.

When he appeared on the balcony he announced at once he had reached his decision and that a declaration of war had already been given to the British and French Ambassadors.

There was little in the speech to indicate the nature of the steps he proposed to take or of the reasons which led him to his decision.—Reuter.

Mohammed and his religion, he would think twice before launching an air raid on Cairo.—Reuter.

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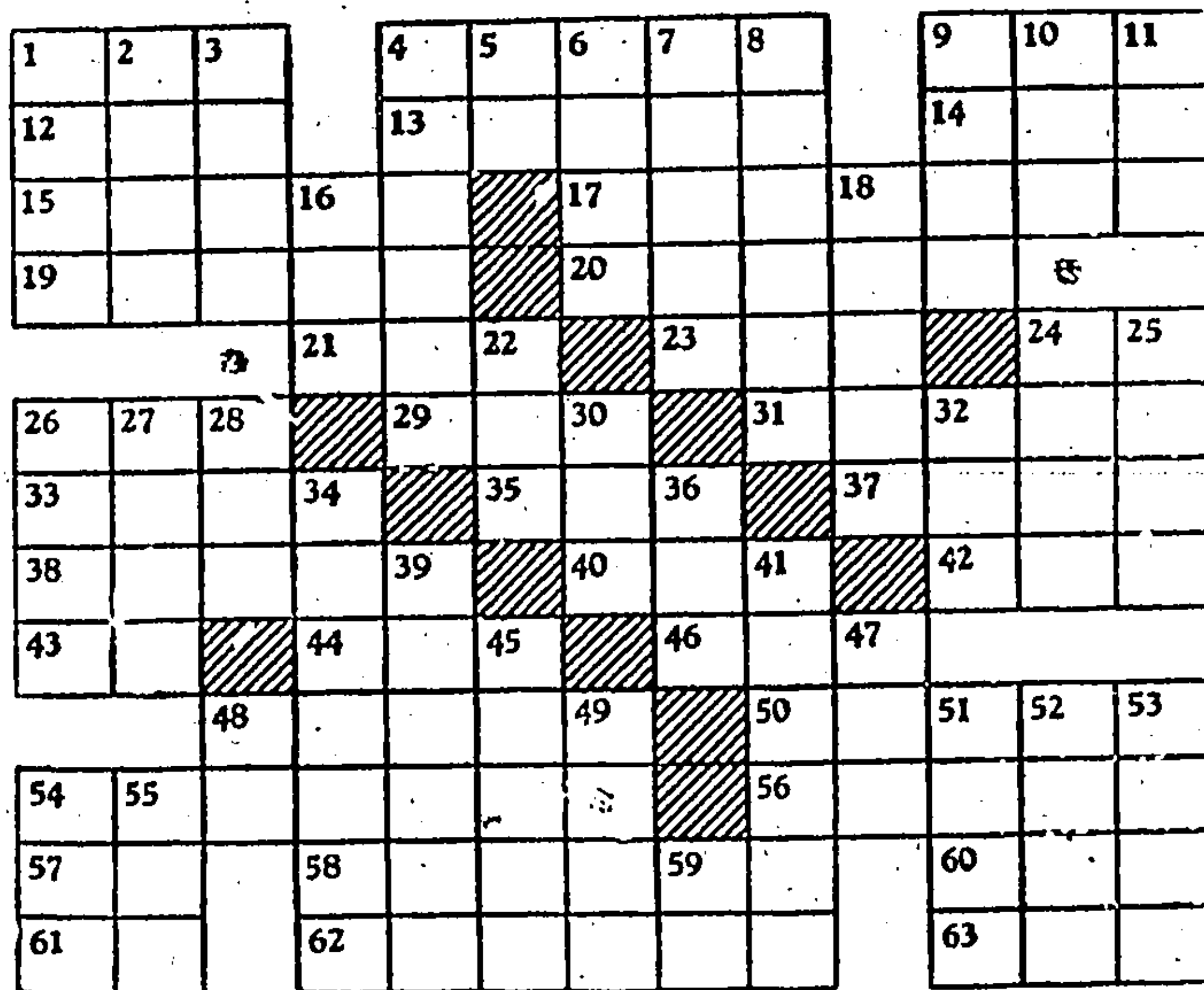
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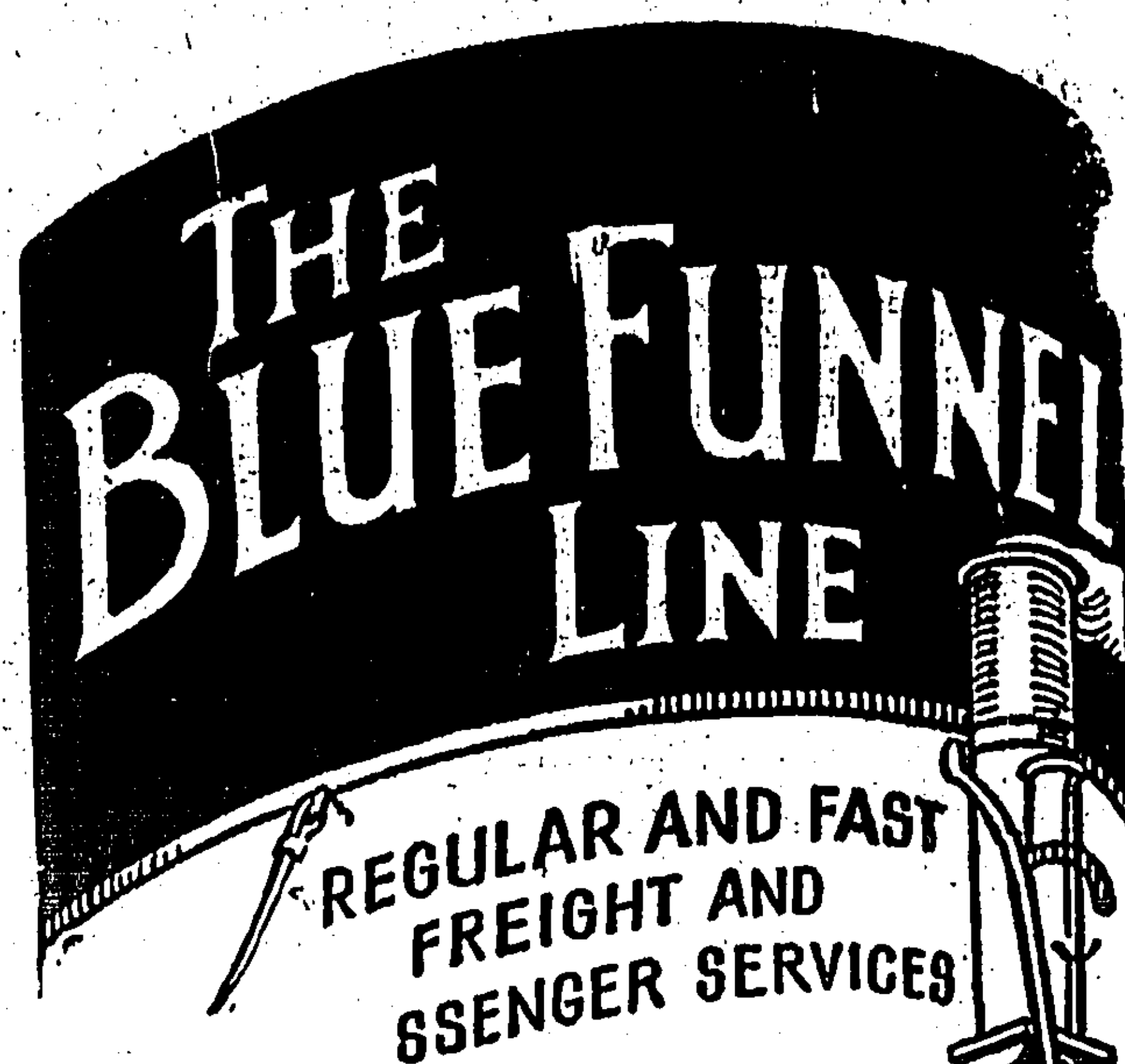
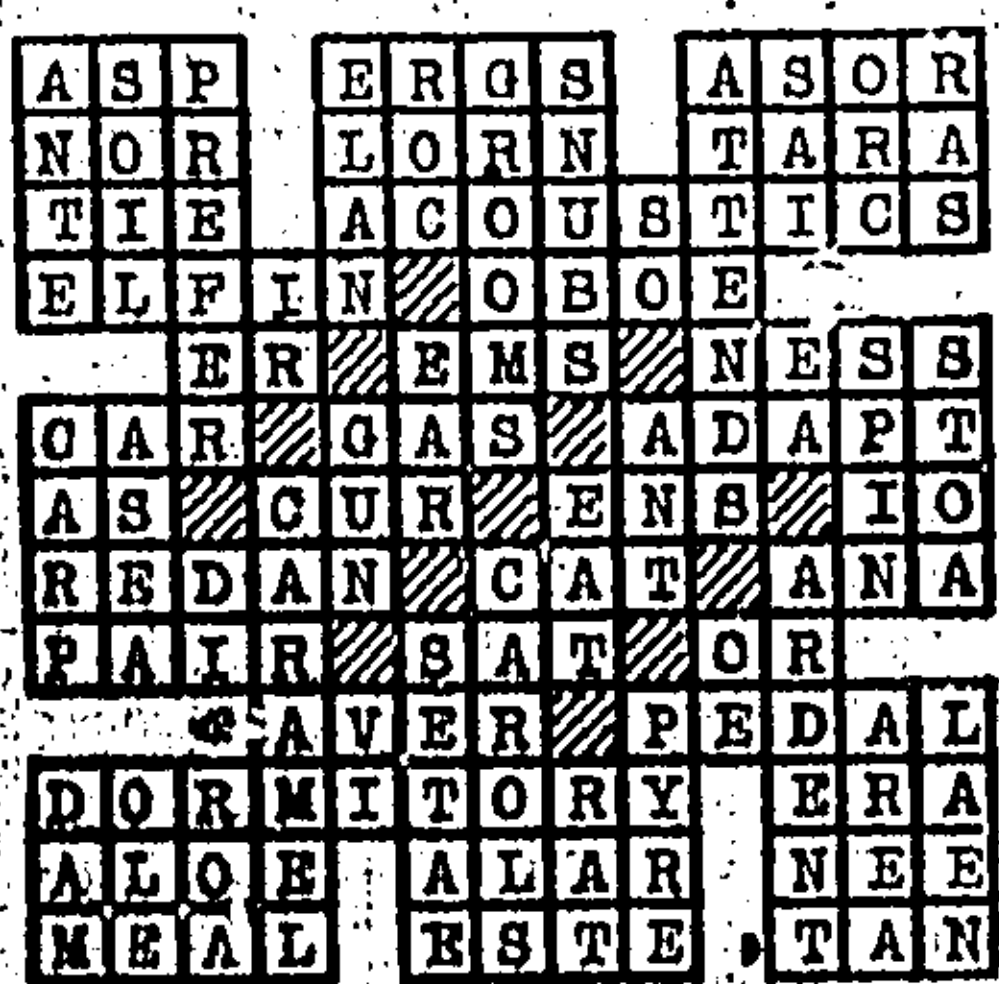
- 1 Music: as written
- 4 To declare
- 9 Silent
- 12 Swordsman's dummy
- 13 Moslem
- 14 Philippine aborigine
- 15 South American palm
- 17 Foreswore
- 19 Tempest
- 20 Aerial manoeuvres
- 21 Proficient
- 23 Cereal grass
- 24 Note of scale
- 26 Marriage portion
- 29 Sparoid fish
- 31 Hair fillet
- 33 Ancient Ugrian tribe member
- 35 Honey
- 37 To venture
- 38 Venezuelan Indian
- 40 Hawaiian food
- 42 Competed
- 43 Spanish article
- 44 Hardwood tree
- 46 Pronoun

VERTICAL

- 18 Constellation
- 18 To stand on end
- 22 Scotch cap
- 24 Venezuelan snake
- 25 Arabian seaport
- 26 Cyprinoid fish
- 27 Egg-shaped
- 28 Sailor
- 30 Corded cloth
- 32 Rowing implement
- 34 Revelers
- 36 Card game
- 39 Fantomimic dance
- 41 Exclamation of incredulity
- 45 Object of Islamic pilgrimage
- 47 Period of time
- 48 Article
- 49 To influence
- 51 Colloquial: country fellow
- 52 To press
- 53 Luck
- 54 Female deer
- 55 Sunken fence
- 59 Symbol for tellurium

VERTICAL

- 1 Mineral resorts
- 2 Examination
- 3 Besides
- 4 Is chary
- 5 Preposition
- 6 Asian inland sea
- 7 Drum
- 8 Has use of
- 9 Planet
- 10 Western Indian

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OSAKA SYOSEN KAISYA**CORRESPONDENCE****EXPULSION OF ALIENS**

Sir,—May I encroach upon the valuable space in your paper to say that it is with deep regret that many of us British residents of Hong Kong read that we are turning away and refusing what small hospitality we can offer to those who have come to us from the persecutions of the system with which we are at war. By thus causing unnecessary suffering, we would seem to be flattering our enemies by imitating their methods, and forgetting the traditional British policy of considering as our duty and privilege the succour of "political," "racial" and "religious" refugees.

HISTORY

LOSS OF THE GLORIOUS

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE AIRCRAFT-CARRIER GLORIOUS, THE PRESUMED LOSS OF WHICH OFF NORWAY WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE ADMIRALTY YESTERDAY WAS ORIGINALLY A CRUISER, COMPLETED IN 1917.

In 1930, she was converted into an aircraft carrier after the conversion of her sister-ship Courageous which was completed in 1928. Courageous was sunk in September 1939.

Glorious carried a normal complement of 1,216.

The destroyers, Acasta and Ardent, completed in 1930, were vessels of 1,350 tons armed with four 4.7 inch guns and eight torpedo tubes.—British Wireless.

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ANOTHER STOWAWAY

"No ship will carry you round and round the world without paying any fare," said Mr. E. Himsworth at Kowloon this morning to a stowaway.

He was George Harrison, 23, of New York, who was further charged with entering the Colony without a passport and with being a vagrant.

He gave himself up to the Captain soon after she had sailed from Manila.

He said he figured the ship would carry him to his native place as she was bound for America.

He was ordered to be expelled from the Colony and to be kept in the House of Detention.

U. S. BASEBALL

New York, To-day.—The following are the results of matches played in the Major Leagues yesterday.

National League:—Brooklyn 8, Pittsburgh 7, (Fletcher homered); Boston 12, St. Louis 2, (Mize homered).

American League:—Philadelphia 7, Washington 4.—Reuter.

"YEARS BEFORE THE WAR ENDS"

Mr. Ernest Bevin, secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, expressed the view at Lydney (Glos), that it would be years before the war ended.

When it was over, he said, they had to be ready with a basic scheme, not of a destructive nature but a creative one, so that the peoples of the world could develop civilisation in harmony and peace.

"We must use our resources, not boast about them," added Mr. Bevin.

COMPLAINT AGAINST POLICE

"I AM PREPARED TO FACE ANY ALLEGATION THE POLICE CAN MAKE AGAINST MY CLIENT AND I AM HERE TO LET THE PUBLIC KNOW OF POLICE 'INTIMIDATING' ACTION," DECLARED MR. C. Y. KWAN AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING, WHEN HE CRITICISED THE METHODS OF THE POLICE IN ARRESTING HIS CLIENT, LEUNG TAI, 69, WHO APPEARED, ON BAIL, WITH NO CHARGES AGAINST HIM.

The case arose when Leung So, 45, believed to be the master of junk, No. B3837Y, was charged with unlawful possession of 10 tins of wood oil on board his junk at Yaumati Typhoon Shelter.

Mr. Kwan alleged that the police arrested his client after 'intimidating' him at a Club in which he was playing Mah-jongg and without giving any reason for his arrest.

Mr. Kwan stated that his client was a merchant very well-known to all large Hong Kong firms. He had been in the water transport business for over 30 years and owned two steam launches.

The wood-oil was found on accused's junk and had no connection whatever with his client.

Sub-Inspector Tyler, prosecuting, told the Magistrate that the police had not charged Mr. Kwan's client but merely wanted him to be a prosecution witness.

"I am satisfied if the police, as Inspector Tyler says, merely want him to be a witness," said Mr. Kwan.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow.

KING OPENS NEW CHURCH HOUSE

London, To-day.

The King, as head of the Church of England, opened the new Church House in Dean's Yard, behind Westminster Abbey, yesterday afternoon.

The King, who wore Field-Marshal's uniform and was accompanied by the Queen, was received by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

The building cost £550,000, and the King, declaring it open, recalled that the foundation stone was laid three years ago by Queen Mary.

He said: "I feel confident the Church will endeavour in these anxious days to inspire the people with calmness and courage."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, welcoming the King, said: "We pray your Majesties may soon, in Providence and God, rejoice in the victory upon which the salvation of the whole world depends with the attainment of a just and lasting peace."—Reuter.

DEFENCE EVIDENCE IN CAR CASE

THE CASE IN WHICH MR. L. GIBSON, OF CARNARVON ROAD, IS SUMMONED FOR DANGEROUS DRIVING, WAS CONTINUED BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN THIS MORNING WHEN EVIDENCE FOR THE DEFENCE WAS GIVEN BY MR. J. H. HOROWITZ AND MISS BETTY ASLETT.

At yesterday's hearing, Mr. Gibson was alleged by Sergeant Rothwell to have overtaken a car in Prince Edward Road when nearing the junction with Waterloo Road and to have rounded the corner at an unusual speed, taking too wide a sweep.

The summons was issued following an accident in which Mr. Gibson, his pillion passenger, Miss Aslett, and a Chinese pedestrian were involved.

Mr. Horowitz, who was driving the car Mr. Gibson passed, said he slowed down to about 20 m.p.h. when nearing the junction. Mr. Gibson, in front, turned the corner about two and a half lengths ahead of him and in his opinion, Mr. Gibson did so with every care. The pedestrian, added the witness, ran forward and dashed back, colliding with the cycle.

After Miss Aslett the pillion passenger, said she saw the pedestrian run forward and back, the summons was again adjourned.

FIFTH COLUMN FILM

How the Nazi Army rushed into Warsaw to find that the Polish gold had gone is to be the subject of a film production by Michael Balcon. A Polish treasury official named Paul Dombrowski, with 75 tons of his country's gold, worth £21,000,000 in commandeered buses, escaped under fire and crossed into Rumania over a bridge blown up half an hour later.

In Rumania he was still pursued by Germans, and it is said that attempts were made on his life and on the gold even as far away as Turkey. He succeeded in getting the treasure aboard a French warship, and it is now in the Bank of France in Paris. The film story is tentatively called "Fifth Column."

\$725 COLLECTED FOR B.W.O.F.

Despite the inclement weather, which persisted on two of three days during which Mr. J. T. Bagram's display of hydrangeas was thrown open to public inspection, a sum of \$725 was collected for the British War Organisation Fund.

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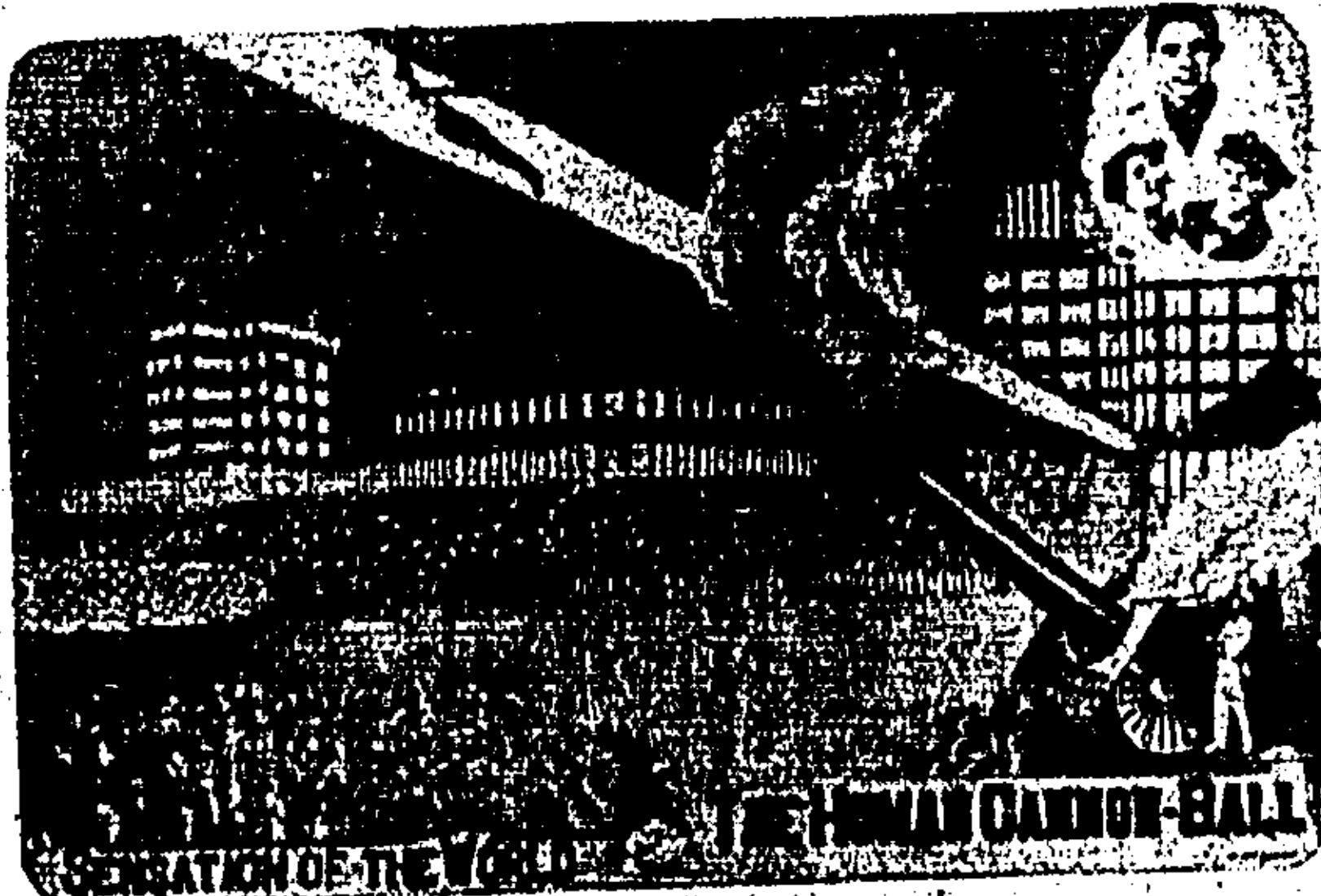
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BOOKING AT MOUTRIE'S

12 MONTHS FOR THEFT OF PAPER

HSU KUO-CHEN, ALIAS CHIU KWOK-CHUN, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. T. J. HOUSTON THIS MORNING, WITH LARCENY OF 158 REELS OF PRINTING PAPER VALUED AT \$14,750, FROM THE "TA KUNG PO" BETWEEN DECEMBER AND JANUARY LAST.

Mr. Peter H. Sin appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. S. Ng Quinn for the defence.

Mr. Sin told the Court that defendant was employed by the "Ta Kung Po" as a clerk in charge of English correspondence. Hsu had the power to order paper, and he signed delivery orders for 158 reels and sold them to some other firms.

Defendant absconded on January 13, and a warrant was issued for his arrest on January 21. He was arrested in Shanghai on May 15.

Mr. Ng Quinn said his client stole the paper to raise money, when pressed by his mother-in-law. Hsu was employed at the small salary of \$30 per month. With this small sum he had to pay debts and support his family at the same time.

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour was passed.

SERGEANT OF SCOTS ACCUSED

Sergeant James Robertson of the Royal Scots, was before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at this morning, charged with assault.

It was alleged that defendant struck a 19-year-old girl, Lo Chat and a woman, Kwok Chan, when drunk, in Lockhart Road on Sunday.

Defendant, who pleaded guilty, said he was attacked by a gang of Chinese, and severely beaten up. He had a wrist watch and a wallet containing \$70 odd stolen from him. He struck the women unintentionally.

He was ordered to sign a bond of \$100 to be of good behaviour for one year, to pay \$10 compensation to Lo and \$50 to Kwok.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.

London silver was quoted at 23 for Spot and 22-1/16 for forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.0250 and the New York/London rate at £—U.S.\$3.53-1/2.



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ALLIES WILL MEET SWORD WITH SWORD

London, To-day.

THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION states that the preparations of the Allied Governments regarding Italy are complete and they will know how to meet sword with sword.

In the struggle between civilisation and the pagan hordes of Germany, the Fascist Government has waited to intervene at a moment of greatest embarrassment for the Allies.

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There is no hope therefore of Italy obtaining great successes in a short while and at little cost. She will be called upon for great sacrifices to Germany's advantage.

Attitude Discounted

The Allied Governments for some time have discounted Italy's decision. The Balkan people will have noted Mussolini's reassuring words in their regard.

The Axis Powers have been prodigal of such assurance, as Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg have learned to their cost.—Reuter.

LEFT BOOK CLUB AND COMMUNISTS

Reports of a major crisis in the affairs of the Left Book Club, as a result of 'Stop-the-War' activities of some of its member-groups, are untrue, according to Mr. Victor Gollancz, the publisher, and founder of the club. But he is determined that the organisation shall not lend its name to these activities.

"A few—I think a very few—of our local groups seem to have got into the hands of Communists, who are using them for 'Stop-the-War' propaganda," he told me. "This is contrary to the aims of the Left Book Club, which is intended to provide facilities for free discussion among all shades of 'Left' political opinion. If it goes on, any group which is being so used will have to dissociate itself from us."

FIVE JAPANESE PLANES SHOT DOWN

Chungking, To-day.

Investigation reveals that five Japanese planes were shot down by Chinese fighter planes during the air battle around Chungking yesterday.

Two crashed at Lion Hill, near Pishan, north-west of Chungking.

Two others which burst into flames in midair, hurtled down in the western outskirts of Peiling, north-east of Chungking.

The fifth was brought down near Changshou.

Altogether 129 Japanese aircraft participated in yesterday's raid.—Central News.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1340 sa.

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Itogons Ps. .14¼ b.

Masbates Ps. .06½ b.

Mind. Mother Lode. Ps. .07 sa.

Mine Operation Ps. .05½ b.

North Camarines Ps. .02 sa.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. .12½ sa.

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Surigao Consol. Ps. .14 b.

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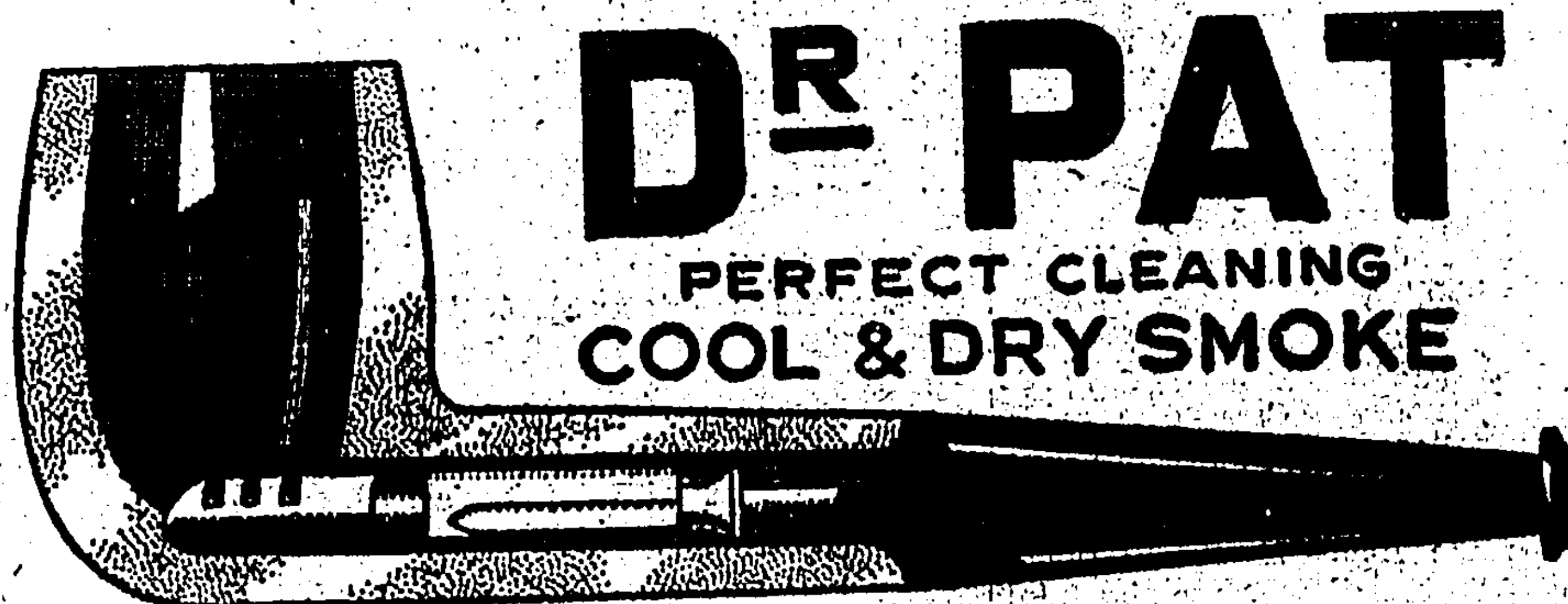
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7.02 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Chausson—Symphony in B Flat Major, Op. 20. Orchestre de la Societe des Concerts du Conservatoire cond. by Pierre Coppola.
8.35 p.m.—Sea Shanties by John Gooss (Baritone) and Cathedral Male Voice Quartet.

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Ten Thousand Miles Away (Willan).
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Storm Along; Rolly The Wood-Pile Down (arr. Taylor Harris).
8.45 p.m.—Studio—The "Toast" Series on Naval Occasions No. 3: "The Convoys and The Escorts".

8.57 p.m.—Strauss—"Der Rosenkavalier" Suite. Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Karl Alwin.

**Dance Music
And Variety**

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Cards on the Table".
9.45 p.m.—Richard Crooks (Tenor) and the Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.
10.15 p.m.—Dance Music and Variety.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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THROWING THREE TRICKS

The difference between the best and worst opening lead is sometimes a large number of tricks. However, after the hand is started, it is very rarely that any one play will cause a fluctuation of more than one trick. In to-day's hand East, by one ill-advised play, actually threw three tricks. In the bidding North's double of two clubs was of course for takeout purposes in the hope that his partner could bid a major suit. However, poor South held nothing but a string of diamonds, and thus was forced to bid his opponents' suit. East's double was very sound, but his bad play gave his opponents their contract.

East, Dealer
Both sides vulnerable
♠ K J 6 3
♥ A K 9 4
♦ 10
♣ J 10 5 2
♠ 8 7 2
♥ J 10 8 5
♦ Q
♣ K Q 9 4
♠ A 9 5 4
♥ 8 7 2
♦ A K 9 6
♣ 3
♠ Q 10
♥ Q 8
♦ J 8 7 5 4 3
♣ 8 7 6

The bidding:
East South West North
1♠ Pass 2♣ Dbl.
Pass 2♦ Pass
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

West opened a spade, which East won with the Ace. East laid down the club Ace, and then came the fatal play. While it was vital to get his partner on lead so that he could cash his club tricks, East couldn't visualize a diamond honour in his hand. He stupidly played the King of diamonds, thereby costing his side not only a trump

trick, but also the two club tricks his partner would have won.

From this point on all was lost. South discarded his two losing clubs on dummy's high cards then was easily able to hold East to but two more tricks in trumps.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner, neither side was vulnerable, and you held:

♠ —
♥ x x x
♦ A K Q x x x
♣ Q 10 x

The bidding:

Maier Schenken You Burnstone
1♠ Dbl. (?)

ANSWER: Bid three diamonds—a strong bid. If you pass the double of one spade, it may be left in. Your hand is not suitable for a redouble, but a two-diamond takeout does not show your full strength.

Score 100% for three diamonds (invites three notrump), 50% for two diamonds, 20% for pass, 0 for redouble.

QUESTION NO. 433

You are Howard Schenken's partner and hold:

♠ x
♥ 10 x
♦ A Q J x x
♣ K Q x x

The bidding:

Schenken Burnstone You Maier
1♥ Pass 2♦ Pass
3♥ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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NORWAY'S DECISION

London, To-day.

According to statements released by the Norwegian Legation in London it was decided during their last session that the Norwegian Government must be maintained free and independent under all conditions, even if for this purpose it must be moved abroad.

The Government, accordingly, agreed last Friday that the King and Crown Prince and Government should temporarily reside outside Norway.

In a Proclamation to the Norwegian people, the Norwegian Government says: "The Allied Governments with which Germany is at war rendered generous help to Norway both with men and weapons and until now it has been possible to conserve part of the country for its legal national Government."

But the hard necessity of war has forced the Allied Governments to gather all their strength for the struggle on other fronts and they need all their men and material on these fronts.

Under these conditions, it is impossible to continue the struggle in this country. Our defensive forces which have fought for two months with spirit and with courage are without the necessary war materials, particularly ammunition, and fighter planes and are no longer able to obtain them.

Continued struggle would only lead to the complete destruction of those parts of the country which are still free.—British Wireless.



When you find life just a hand to mouth existence on one date after another it's high time to make a bid for a new beau.

LIFE-SAVING DISPLAY

Swimming enthusiasts at Latchikok beach on Sunday were treated to a display of land and water life-saving drill by students of La Salle College, when the boys were undergoing an examination in life-saving.

The manner in which the candidates carried out the exercises was gratifying, and reflected on the efficient teaching of their instructor, Mr. Matthew Young. Sub-Inspector R. J. Hunt, life member of the Royal Life-Saving Society and Hong Kong representative, examined the students, and at the conclusion pointed out the great importance of life-saving.

The following passed the tests for the Bronze Medallion and the Intermediate certificate.—Robert Yong, Michael Yong, Ngan Din-yin, Leung Kwok-wah, Lam Hak-hoi, Tsol Sik-sui, Alberto Santos, Richards Mellig, Robert Truong, Ronald Sequeira, Raymond Larson and Hung Munchul.

Mr. Matthew Young was awarded the First Class Instructor's certificate.



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Mindanao Shatter Chinese Unbeaten Record

Smith Unable To Maintain Previous Form

Harvey Pitches Well For Ashville

By "Grandstand"

MAKING ALL THEIR five hits count, Mindanao nosed out Chung Hwa, 6-5, to loosen the Abemen's strangle-hold on the flag and to spoil their hitherto undefeated record. Mindanao and Chung Hwa are now tied in the League table with three victories and one defeat each.

The game was a thriller, especially in the last frame when Chung Hwa tried desperately to even the count with Abe Liu untieing his bag of tricks. Chung Hwa played their usual game, going in more for finesse, in the matter of sacrifices, squeeze plays etc., but the Chasemen got more of the breaks with their power, and more power tactics.

The score-board showed nothing but goose eggs for both teams in the first four innings, and the fans were getting a bit weary. In the fifth Mindanao broke the ice with a couple of tallies. With two away Padgett was safe at the first pillow on a fielder's choice and advanced to second on a baulk. Cook worked Bill Chang for a free pass to the initial sack. Carrot-top Todd, who was moved down the tail end of the batting order, surprisingly belted a stinging triple to chase in Padgett and Cook. Wilson grounded to the pitcher to retire the session. Chung Hwa replied with one count in the same canto. After a three to two count on him Choy received free pass to first and rounded second on the next pitch. Bill Chang sacrificed a roller to the pitcher to advance Choy to third. Nip Lum sacrificed a roller to first base to score Choy. Richard Chung popped a feeble one to Red Todd at third base for the third out.

Three Runs

In the sixth Mindanao garnered three more runs. Badrick reached first when Grandpop Leung muffed a throw from Tuffy Chinn. Ski Powlawski, borrowed from U.S.S. Ashville, rapped a resounding double and Badrick was anchored at third.

At this stage Wally Ching took over the assignment on the mound to relieve Bill Chang. Tony Mascavage was safe on a fielder's choice and Bobbles Badrick scored on the play. Tuffy Chinn threw a skyscraper at the home plate and Nip Lum had to jump high off the plate to spear the olive and Badrick slid safely across. Tony Mascavage denied the pan on Horseface Douglas's double to centre field. Chase, Padgett and Cook went down in 1-2-3 order to close the chapter.

Chung Hwa came back strongly in the sixth to push across two markers. Tuffy Chinn slashed the sphere to left-field and proceeded to pilfer second and third. Wally Ching grounded to shortstop for the first out. Al Lau sacrificed a long fly to left-field to score Tuffy. With two away, A. Chan reached first on Tony Mascavage's error, and Grand-pop Leung followed with a bingle to centre-field to score Chan. Choy fled to left-field for the last out.

Now came the seventh, with Mindanao batting first. Todd, first man up, unceremoniously struck out. "Highpockets" Wilson was an easy out when he rolled to the hurler. Two away Badrick smacked the first pitch for a double. Tony Mascavage singled to the left pastures to chase in Badrick. Douglas retired the inning with a grass cutter to the pitcher's box. In their turn to bat in the last frame, Chung Hwa had a good chance to at least even the count with the head of their batting order coming up.

Pinch-Hit

Babe Chinn went in to pinch-hit for Bill Chang and the Chinese supporters

were yelping for a base knock or a distance hoist. Babe obliged with a neat single to centre-field. Abe Liu sent in Loong to run for the two-ton Babe, who is a bit heavy on his dogs. Loong managed to steal both second and third and was brought in by Nip Lum's hit to third-base. Nip advance to second on a passed ball and was sacrificed to third by Chung. Another sacrifice, by Tuffy Chinn, scored Nip. With two outs and one run to knot the score Wally Ching came up to bat. By this time the stands and sideline Chung Hwa supporters were noisier than a three-tube radio set trying to bring in Daventry direct. The crowd emitted a groan of disappointment when Wally struck out to end the game.

Pitching summary: Mascavage: struck out four, walked two. Bill Chang whiffed three and walked three. Wally Ching fanned three and walked none.

	R.	H.	E.
Mindanao	0	0	0
Chung Hwa	0	0	0

Baseball Club Let Down

In the second game of a triple bill Hong Kong Brewery humbled Hong Kong Baseball Club 7-2.

"A falling off in merit, will reap disgrace". That's what will happen to the Molthenmen if they don't get together and field their best team in future games. For the last two week-ends Doc's regular players have let him down badly and the bone-setter had to field a scrub side to complete the necessary nine.

It's really a shame because the Hongkongites have a good team if their regular players will only turn up. With the absence of these stalwarts, in Ernie Hearther, Hanus Waggoner, Larry Lawrence, Dan Fettinghoff, Eddie Rogers and Jimmy Deegan, the Molthenmen were licked before they started hostilities with the Brewers.

With a scrub team behind him Bill Smith must have been demoralised. Papa Bear was not the chucker who had turned in some masterful pitching the week before when he whiffed 13 Chasemen for a new record in a seven-frame game.

Against the H.B. fence-busters Bill could only manage to turn back to the bench, via the strike out route, one victim, and he issued no less than seven Annie Oakleys.

The Winglemen mauled Bill for four hits, including a three-bagger by Stan Leonard, with two on board. Maheen Arculli outpitched Smith, whiffing six and walking three. H.K.B.C. pecked away four singles off Arculli. The only whiff registered by Scoop Smith, meant a lot, for it was none other than the Bambino himself, Dave Leonard, who fanned the breeze in the first canto. Dave came in for the worst panning when he fanned and the Bambino's ears turned deep crimson.

H.B. scored first in the first frame when George Souza romped home on two bobbles, a passed ball and a wild pitch. In the third the Brewers registered three more tallies. George Souza and H. Ali walked and Stan Leonard brought them in with a three-bagger. H.B. scored one in the fourth, another in the fifth and one

more in the sixth to clinch the game. Hong Kong Baseball Club's two runs came in the sixth. Caco Marques walked and so did Doc Molthen, Caco, after advancing on a sacrifice by Charlie Figueiredo stole home, while Doc crossed the counting station on Joe Higgins double.

Double-Plays

Two dazzling double-plays were pulled in this fracas. In the first inning—Dave Leonard to Brother Terry to dispose of Dave Walker and Caco Marques. In the fourth Bill Smith and Tony Alves nailed Ali and Hal Winglee.

Joe Higgins took batting honours with a double and a single in three times up, while Tony Alves was again outstanding at shortstop, fielding five hot ones with only one error.

	R.	H.	E.
H.B.	1	0	3
H.K.B.C.	0	0	0

Ashville Win

In a six-inning game Ashville downed a local selection 8-2. Nip Lum, Ali, Wilson, D. Leonard, Douglas, Wally Ching, Poochie Chase, A. Ramfahn and Mike Mendonca represented the local side.

Harvey, on the mound for Ashville, mowed down the locals, striking out no fewer than seven and walking two. Dave Leonard was on the firing line for the losers. He struck out two and walked one. Brooks homered for Ashville while Harvey doubled for the longest hits of the encounter.

	R.	H.	E.
Ashville	2	0	2
Hong Kong	0	0	0

League Standing

	P.	W.	L.	P.C.
Chung Hwa	4	3	1	.750
Mindanao	4	3	1	.750
H.B.	3	2	1	.666
H.K.B.C.	3	1	2	.333
S. China	2	0	2	.000
R.E.	3	0	3	.000

Remedios And Gutierrez Rally Very Well

ONLY TWO GAMES were played yesterday in the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship, the game between E. G. Post and A. E. Carey and J. A. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez being the more interesting, the latter pair winning 22-16.

Though the Police pair started off badly they had nevertheless established a lead of 14 shots to 9 at the 13th head but they fell off after that and only registered another two at the 17th head.

The Portuguese rallied well after the 13th head and scored three singletons in succession. A three at the 18th head saw them only one shot behind but they took the lead in the next with a two at 17-16 and scored five further shots in the remaining heads.

	E. G. Post and A. E. Carey	J. A. Remedios and L. A. Gutierrez
Head	Shots	Total
1	0	0
2	0	0
3	0	0
4	3	3
5	0	3
6	0	3
7	3	6
8	3	9
9	1	10
10	1	11
11	0	11
12	1	12
13	2	14
14	0	14
15	0	14
16	0	14
17	2	16
18	0	16
19	0	16
20	0	16
21	0	16

Easy Win

W. L. Walker and J. Deakin had little difficulty against J. Pau and G. S. Ladd and won by 23 shots to 11.

The Civil Service pair led from the start and at the 12th head were leading by 16-shots to 3. The C.C.C. pair reduced the lead at the 14th head by 16-8 but the C.S.C. then scored a four to make sure of the game.

DERBY CALL-OVER

London, To-day.
Following is the Derby call-over:
Lighthouse 9/4 o. 5/2 t.
Stardust 5/1 t and o.
Tantaleux 7/1 t and o.
Pontlevoque 100/8 t and o.
Hippus 100/8.
Paques 100/8.
Black Tom 100/8.
Ephraim 100/8.
Golden Tiger 20/1.
Turkhan 20/1.
King of Tramps 33/1.
Moradabad 33/1.
Ridley 50/1 o.—Reuter.

	W. L. Walker and J. Deakin	J. Pau and G. S. Ladd
Head	Shots	Total
1	2	2
2	1	3
3	1	4
4	0	4
5	1	5
6	1	6
7	0	6
8	3	9
9	1	10
10	3	13
11	2	15
12	1	16
13	0	16
14	0	16
15	4	20
16	0	20
17	1	21
18	0	21
19	0	21
20	2	23
21	0	23

TO-DAY'S GAMES

Following postponed games in the First Round of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls Championship will be played to-day, weather permitting.

At Club de Recreio:—A. Jillot and W. J. Bagley v E. C. Fincher and J. Fraser; J. H. Xavier and A. A. Lewis v B. D. Evans and R. Hall.

At Kowloon F.C.:—J. E. Noronha and C. G. Silva v A. Bower and G. H. Sherriff; L. F. Xavier and R. F. Luz and W. Glendinning and L. Glendinning.

At Craigengower C.C.:—E. Levett and R. Duncan v M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah.

H.K.F.C. TOURNEY

Competitors are reminded that the First Round of the Rinks Championship of Hong Kong Football Club will be played on Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong Football Club in the Lawn Bowls League on Saturday:—

First Division (v K.B.C. at Away):—A. B. Didsbury, G. E. Stephens, A. Brookbank, and N. J. Bebbington (skip); B. A. Mansell, A. W. Hodges, G. Duncan, and W. Gill (skip); J. Watson, J. H. Gelling, L. E. Lammert, and K. E. Robertson (skip).
Third Division (v K.F.C. at Home):—P. Anslow, C. G. Sallis, E. L. Strange, and H. G. Willington (skip); A. Watson, E. Figgance, E. I. Dickson, and G. S. Gravel (skip); H. H. Boddie, R. H. Howell, J. H. Barnes, and E. H. Strange (skip).

SING TAO MUST GET PERMISSION

In spite of the fact that the new Sing Tao Sports Club will have the services of most of South China's players next year it was decided at the Council Meeting of the Football Association that permission for them to tour Singapore must be first obtained from Malaya before the case will be considered.

A circular regarding touring teams was read and it was decided that Hong Kong Football Association co-operate with Malaya in future.

A donation of \$1,000 was made to the B.W.O.F. from the profits of the year which amounted to over \$8,000.

It was decided that the Association could not meet the request of the Referees' Association for increased fees, nor could they sanction the election of an appointment secretary.

The following are some of the players for Sing Tao.

Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-

WATCH THE HANDS "D" DIVISION TENNIS PAIRINGS

BY BEST BALL

Grips and stances vary with the first flight golfers but at address their fundamentals appear the same if due allowance is made for individual interpretation. As in the smaller panel above they stand comfortably to the ball, with the clubhead aligned at right angles to it and the V's of the grip pointing to the right shoulder. This position is best calculated to allow the golfer to swing with accuracy and power. The left hand, when in the correct position, is somewhat on top of the shaft with two knuckles visible to the player as he looks down and with the right hand palm facing the objective.

The position of the hands in the large illustration violate this principle. The left hand is too far under the shaft while the right is too far over. As a consequence, the clubhead is very apt to have

GRAPHIC GOLF



the toe of the club ahead of the heel at address and in a similar inaccurate position at impact. Furthermore such a grip will retard the wide, sweeping blow which has become so important a part in the good golfer's game.

NEXT ARTICLE.—
GOLF SENSATION.

cheung, Yeung Shui-yick, Leung Wing-chiu, Lee Tin-sang, Mak Sui-hon, Lau King-sing, Soong Ling-sing, Hau Yung-sang, Tsui Ah-fai Kwok Ying-kee, Ip Pak-wah, Chan Yeung-choi, Chan Tak-fai and Lai Shui-wing.

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	P.	L.	W.
T. F. Lo and H. N. Chau (C.R.C. "A")	6	0	6
G. Gillard and E. Eymard (K.C.C.)	6	1	5
P. H. Chiu and K. N. Lee (C.R.C. "A")	6	1	5
C. M. Khan and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.)	6	2	4
S. A. R. Bux and K. M. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	6	2	4
S. R. Salleh and M. Ramzan (K.I.T.C.)	9	5	4
Y. Y. Lam and S. Cheung (C.R.C. "B")	3	0	3
K. T. Ng and K. C. Wong (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
K. Sung and K. C. Wan (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
I. Kitchell and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)	3	0	3
Gonzales and Kwan (Filipino Club)	3	0	3
Banker and Souza (Filipino Club)	3	0	3
C. W. Chu and C. N. Chang (C.R.C. "B")	3	1/2	2 1/2
C. S. Wong and C. S. Lee (S.C.A.A.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
H. W. Crabb and R. Turpin (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
Y. Y. Lam and Y. W. Chung (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
Y. Chan and C. Y. Tee (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
L. Hon and K. M. Wong (C.R.C. "B")	3	1	2
Jahan Dad and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.)	3	1	2
A. B. Hamson and F. Zimmermann (C.C.C.)	3	1	2
M. C. Hung and T. C. Yu (C.C.C.)	3	1	2
Ildefonso and Sien (Filipino Club)	3	1	2
L. Jack and R. Turpin (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
A. E. Perry and H. W. Crabb (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
L. Jack and A. E. Perry (K.C.C.)	3	2	1
K. M. Wong and C. F. Tse (C.R.C. "B")	3	2	1
G. Singh and M. H. Hassan (K.I.T.C.)	3	2	1
M. P. Madar and M. I. Razack (I.R.C.)	3	2	1
S. T. Chau and T. C. Yuen (C.R.C. "A")	3	2	1
E. Zimmermann and H. Hung (C.C.C.)	3	2	1
M. Moondharie and M. A. Wahab (I.R.C.)	3	2	1
W. C. Choy and N. C. Tang (C.R.C. "A")	3	2	1
T. Lockhart and V. C. Bond (C.B.A.)	6	5	1
E. Bull and M. Dunne (C.B.A.)	6	5	1
A. Semmillmann and K. O. Morsey (C.B.A.)	3	2	1
M. Singh and A. Razan (K.I.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
M. C. Hung and A. Hung (C.C.C.)	3	2 1/2	1 1/2
S. A. Cassumbhoy and P. C. Yue (C.C.C.)	3	3	0
N. L. Leonard and S. L. Leonard (C.C.C.)	3	3	0
Au Kam-moon and Lee Cheeman (C.C.C.)	2	3	0
G. Souza and W. Chai (C.C.C.)	3	3	0
M. A. Wahab and M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. R. Azan and Mit Singh (K.I.T.C.)	3	3	0
S. Leonard and H. N. Au (C.C.C.)	3	3	0
G. Gurovitch and Woolgar (C.B.A.)	3	3	0

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's League tennis programme and some of the teams:—

A.T.C.	v.	H.K.C.C.
C.R.C.	v.	C.C.C.
C.D.R.	v.	C.S.C.C.
K.T.G.C.A.	v.	I.R.C.
S.C.A.A.	v.	K.C.C.

A.T.C.—Col. Newnham and Capt. Loch; Col. Smith and Capt. Hyde; Lieut. Tomlinson and Capt. Holmes.

C.R.C.—D. C. Luk and C. C. Luk; S. W. Wong and P. C. Chiu; P. F. Choy and K. C. Ng.

C.D.R.—A. M. Rodrigues and C. A. Barretto; A. E. Xavier and B. T. Gosano; M. A. Oliveira and W. A. Reed.

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ITALY'S STAB IN THE BACK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

In the course of his broadcast speech to the nation last night, the Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, said: "The kilometres won by the enemy are strewn with destroyed tanks and downed planes."

"Nothing will deflect the struggle to the end. We are ready to undergo trials, our heads unbowed."

Referring to Italy's stab in the back, M. Reynaud, after referring to France's efforts to come to terms with Mussolini, declared:

"France has to say, The world will judge."

"The highest moral authorities in the world, President Roosevelt and the Pope, tried several times to prevent this war, which challenges Christian ideas and human solidarity."

"In vain, Mussolini has decided that blood must flow."

"In the Mediterranean more than elsewhere France is strong. The world will soon acknowledge that moral forces are also strong forces. France is experiencing harsh trials. France cannot die."—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest over Japan and the neighbouring seas, and is relatively low in a trough extending from Formosa to the Carolines. Depressions remain over Manchuria and Indo-China.

STIMSON SUPPORTS PERSHING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
New York, To-day.

Colonel Henry Stimson, former Secretary of State in the Hoover administration, has fully approved General Pershing's statement advocating total aid to the Allies.

In a letter to the "Herald-Tribune," Col. Stimson stated the necessity of sending planes and war material to the Allies immediately, and approved the idea of conscription in the United States.

"We have been too long in facing the fact that the battle being waged by the Allies is our battle," he declared. — Havas.

ALLIED PURCHASES OF AMERICAN WAR MATERIALS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
New York, To-day.

The Franco-British purchasing commission announces that the flow of war materials to the Allies will be increased considerably following the Administration's decision to consider a large quantity of arms as surplus material.

This surplus will be the object of direct negotiations between manufacturers and the purchasing commission after having been exchanged for more modern material.

The commission says the decision to sell surplus war material will facilitate deliveries.—Havas.

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Madrid, To-day.
Nothing is changed in Spain's attitude by the entry of Italy into the war, it is stated in official circles here.—Reuter.

London, To-day.
The "Daily Telegraph," in a leader headed "Mussolini chooses war—a gamble that must fail," points out that Italy's Duce has sold his soul to Germany and says that since the war began Mussolini has been doing all he could devise as a non-belligerent to injure the cause of the Allies and assist Germany. Possibly he hoped Hitler would pay him his price without requiring him to take more risk but the Fuehrer drives a hard bargain with those who sell themselves to him. Commenting on the reasons given by Mussolini for entering the war, the paper says it is beyond conjecture why these dictators waste time by such protests as those of Mussolini yesterday. What Garibaldi would say of Mussolini's honour we know. He left his curse on any Italian who should attack our country.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

Up to 4 a.m. to-day, no official reports had been released of any hostile action arising from Italy's entry into the war, although there were unofficial reports of a gathering of Italian troops along the French border.

M. Reynaud told pressmen that if Hitler thought Italy's intervention would make any difference to the battle of Paris he would be disillusioned.

No one man will be diverted, he said, adding: There is a standing army quite capable of dealing with the Italians. Hitler is more likely to have to divert troops to the rescue of Italy.—Havas.

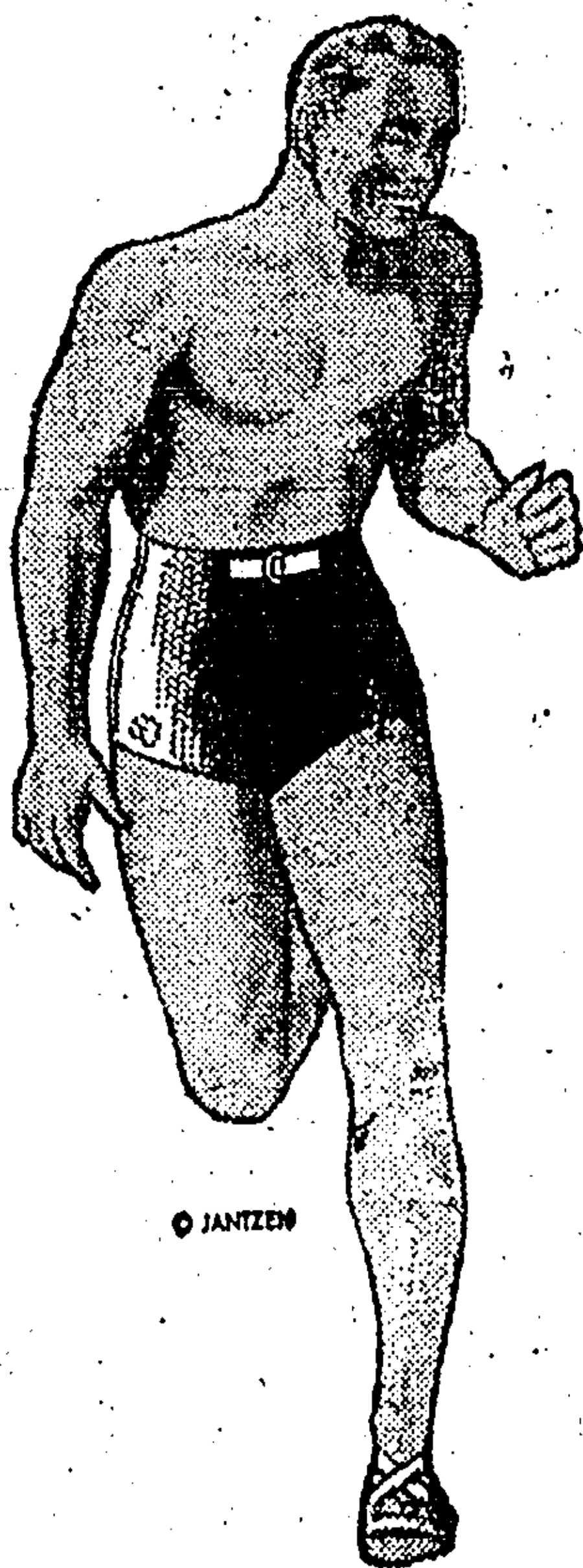
London, To-day.
"The Times" leader, headed "The Battle of France," to which a commentator added "And of London," points out that we in this country recognise as well as our French friends that if at the moment we are not suffering the ravages of war as they are our whole future is bound up with theirs and is equally at stake. Of this country it says it takes a disaster to bring forth its greatest and grimmest efforts and points out that while R.A.F. support is a vital factor in the French defence, almost the whole weight of the ground operations is being borne by the French armies which, while they suffer a terrible strain, are playing for the time which is wanted for impressions to soak in, to be talked over and compared, to spread from the German army to the civil population now sunning itself in the glow of victorious advances and still more glowing promises of a speedy end to the conflict.

The leader concludes that in these days of adversity, of her struggle against cruel odds, of her effort to keep the banner of civilisation flying in the face of the onset of barbarian hordes pouring from their sand flats to lay hands upon a land happier than their own and to despoil a civilisation to which they can never themselves attain, France is fulfilling her ancient role. Never in her long history has she discharged this duty to the world more gallantly or more nobly. It behoves all forces of the world to have the same object in view, to render her all the aid that is humanly possible.—Reuter.

New York, To-day.
Mr. Thomas Dewey, candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, said President Roosevelt's speech gave cause for "grave concern, for the words may be the words of a neutral but the voice is the voice of a belligerent."—Reuter.

London, To-day.
No special measures of a political or military nature following Italy's entry into the war are reported so far.—Reuter.

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